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PRESIDENT MACKAY'S REPLY TO U. S. CATHOLIC HIERARCHY'S BLAST AT EVANGELICAL MISSIONARY EFFORT IN SOUTH AMERICA

By LOUIE D. NEWTON

Pastor Druid Hills Church, Atlanta

It is very heartening to see the reply which President John A. Mackay of Princeton Theological Seminary has made to the U. S. Roman Catholic Hierarchy's blast at evangelical missionary effort in Latin America. President Mackay was a missionary for a number of years in Mexico, Peru, and Uruguay, and knows whereof he speaks.

The statement of the U. S. Catholic hierarchy:

“Every effort made to rob citizens of Mexico, Central and South America of their Catholic religion or to ridicule it or to offer them a substitute for it is deeply resented by the peoples of these countries and by American Catholics. . . . The spirit, background, and culture of these countries are Catholic,” (Newsweek, December 21, 1942, page 74).

President Mackay's reply:

“It is with deep concern that we have witnessed an effort now publicly endorsed in the U. S. by the archbishops and bishops of a sister Christian communion, which constitutes a religious minority in

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MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS TO HAVE SPECIAL SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETINGS

Jackson, Miss., Jan. 1—(Special)—Mr. E. C. Williams, secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Sunday School Board, in collaboration with the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn., announces that Mississippi Baptists will have their third annual one-day meeting in the Four Year Program. These special one-day associational Sunday School meetings will be held in every association in Mississippi from January 25th to January 29th.

The object of these meetings is to perfect an organization in each association that will organize more Sunday Schools, strengthen the churches, and train Sunday School officers and teachers in the fundamentals of Sunday School administration and better Bible teaching.

Southwide Sunday School workers from Nashville, and approved workers from other states outstanding in their experience and training, will give Mississippi Baptists their talent, and advice in leading these conferences.

This is a meeting that those interested in Sunday School work just can't afford to miss. All interested persons of all denominations are invited and urged to attend.

A GREETING FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR

To My Friends:

With the returning Christmas and New Year season, the perennial reminder of the heaven-sent song of Peace and Good Will to all mankind, let me send you this modest greeting, voicing every best wish for you and yours, for this happy season, and beyond, always! Whatever may be your experiences, both for today and for all the unfolding future, I would fervently voice for you the age-old Benediction: “The Lord bless thee and keep thee; the Lord make His face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee; the Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace!”

At this accustomed season for renewed expressions of friendliness and good will, when old friendships are strengthened and new ones are cemented, let us seek to make such season more blessed than ever before, by gracious words and helpful deeds, for all whose lives especially appeal for our understanding and practical sympathy. Included within this circle are the poor and needy; the sick and suffering; the bereaved and sorrowing; the eager children, and the aged, whose steps are feeble and slow. Indeed, let us worthily remember all who are facing heavy odds, and bearing unusual burdens. A poet thus points the way for us:

“For somehow, not only for Christmas
But all the long year through,
The joy that you give to others
Is the joy that comes back to you;
And the more that you spend in blessing
The poor and lonely and sad,
The more of your heart's possessing
Returns to make your glad.”

Edward Bok tells us in his autobiography that his grandmother gave him the wise admonition: “See to it that you leave the world a little better and a little more beautiful than you found it.” The story is told of great-souled Phillips Brooks, that one of his members returned from church, one day, and was asked this question by his mother: “How did Dr. Brooks preach today?” The reply was: “Oh, I have heard him preach greater sermons, many times, but I think I never realized before how much he loves us.” Somebody repeated that to the great preacher, and at once his eyes overflowed with tears as he said: “I would rather have that said about me than anything else.” Faithfully does God's Book remind us that, although prophecies shall fail, and tongues shall cease, and knowledge shall vanish away, yet “Love never faileth.” Life's burdens are made lighter and better and safer, by the grace of understanding sympathy, in all the relations of life—personal, social, economic, religious, national and international.

As this Good Will season returns to us, a blackout casts its darkening and devastating shadows over the whole earth. In 1914, when the world was plunged into the first World War, Sir Edward Grey uttered these ominous words: “The lamps are going out all over Europe, and they will not be lit again in our life-time.” History repeats itself. The lights are still going out, not only in Europe, but throughout the poignantly troubled nations, large and small. A trail of war and suffering and hunger and inhuman enslavement is being blazed around the encircling globe. Two interpretations of life

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ENTERING 1943

By E. F. HAIGHT

Entering a new year involves our dealing with the unknown. No one knows what lies ahead of him—how much of shadow and sunshine, how much of



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much of bitter disappointment and of heartening success, how much of anxious waiting and of happy anticipation. Yet, face it we must. How may we do so with courage, with hope, and even with joy?

Wisdom would suggest that we make the most of the one certain reality of 1943, our God. Whatever may befall us or our world this year, God will be out there seeking us

in its every moment that He might give us His blessing! Much will depend therefore on the vitality of our faith in God.

The Psalmist has pointed the way of a living faith which indeed holds the promise of faith's victory “that overcometh the world.” (1 John 5:4). “Commit they way unto the Lord,” he wrote (Psalm 37:5), “trust also in Him, and He will bring it to pass.” He has given us, in this verse, a fitting golden text to write over in 1943, and to think on

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PRESIDENT OF THE BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE IN NEW YEAR MESSAGE

Dr. Rushbrooke

To my fellow-Baptists everywhere I would send a personal word of fraternal greeting, rejoicing in memories of happy intercourse with very many of you, and commending all to God and to the word of His grace.

From the time of the First Baptist World Congress (London, 1905), at which our Alliance was founded, and largely owing to their use at that Congress, two hymns have stood out as the popular anthems of our people. I have heard them in all parts of the earth, and they appear in the programme of every international gathering we hold.

The first of these is:

“Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love.”

How deeply meaningful are its words in these days of trial and separation! They tell of an indestructible fellowship which transcends all racial and social, political and cultural, distinctions. In Jesus Christ we are one. Rising above all differences of opinion on mundane issues, and all the passions of war, let the inspiration and joy of this spiritual fact flood our hearts and minds. So shall our love be sustained again, in God's good time, we who are now parted and, perchance, even dwell in hostile lands, shall again meet and again unitedly acclaim the enduring tie of Christian brotherhood

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BAPTIST RECORD CIRCULATION THIS WEEK 29,976

Sparks and Splinters

Methodists to Enlist Laymen: A plan to enlist 80,000 Methodist laymen to work with pastors in connection with the church's week of dedication Feb. 28 to March 7 has been announced by a committee on arrangements. According to the plan, pastors and laymen will call 8,000,000 Methodists to a new "dedication of self, service and substance" during the week. Laymen will occupy all pulpits of the denomination Feb. 21 and speak for pastors in churches or circuits which normally would not have services on Feb. 28 and March 7.

Coolness of churchgoers to the Quisling regime was demonstrated recently when the Quislingist bishop of Oslo, Lars Froeyland, visited his native village of Hoevaag and decided to hold a special service in the local church. A total of 16 appeared, including the "bishop's" close relatives and ten Quisling supporters. The church organist remained at his post throughout the worship portion of the service. When Froeyland began to preach, he arose and left the building.

Rev. L. S. Cole, pastor of the Baptist church of Refugio, Texas, and formerly pastor at Marks, recently observed his seventh anniversary. Some of the accomplishments of these seven years were 680 additions; total contributions of \$35,361.25, and mission contributions of \$4,751.89. The church is out of debt and there is a fine spirit of fellowship among the members.

Did you ever hear of a Liquor Dealers' Convention being opened with prayer? Or a law-abiding citizen choosing a home next door to a Brewery?

The Lottie Moon Christmas offering at Highland Church in Meridian has already reached \$200.00, with more expected.

Total offerings at Calvary Church in Jackson for December were \$4,724.88. This was an increase of \$495.82 over December, 1941. Calvary Church sends more than 800 copies of the Baptist Record to their members every week. They keep well informed about all Baptist affairs.

The Baptist Record has received a post card signed Deacons of Liverpool Baptist Church in Full. This was the only named signed to the card. If the brethren will give us their names and addresses we shall be glad to reply to the post card.

Mrs. J. C. Ledbetter, reporter for Enon church, Panola county, informs us that the Sunday School attendance for the past quarter was 75 per cent of the enrollment. The offerings average \$4.75 per Sunday.

Rev. J. H. Sherman is now located on the Courtland field, composed of Courtland, Liberty Hill, Good Hope and Pilgrim's Rest. All of these churches are in Panola county. He succeeds Rev. Harry Borah, who was recently commissioned as a Chaplain in the Army.

The Budget committee of the Moorhead Church recently recommended a budget which calls for a \$300.00 per year increase in the pastor's salary, a 38 per cent increase in gifts to the Cooperative Program and increases to other smaller items. Of course, the EVERY FAMILY PLAN was continued.—O. P. Moore, pastor.

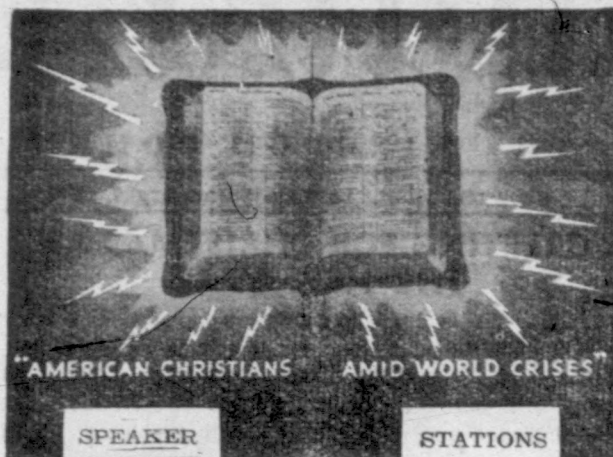
Liberty Hill, Panola Association: We had two services yesterday with Summer time crowds. They have been without a pastor for some time. I find all the organizations going in a great way. We have a fine group of leaders and they are doing the job well. We have some Record readers who are informed and are loyal to our Missionary Baptist program.—J. H. Sherman, pastor.

Mt. Zion, Pike County, has called Rev. J. T. Tolar as their pastor. We will have half-time services beginning the second Sunday in January.—Reporter.

Recent visitors to the Baptist Record office included the following: Rev. J. S. Deaton, Jackson; Rev. M. V. McKinster, Crowder; Rev. Carey E. Cox, Prattville, Ala.; Guy Mitchell, Monticello; Mrs. J. H. Williamson, Jackson; Mrs. W. E. Bailey, Jackson; Rev. H. D. Boothe, Clinton; Rev. Charles Whitten, Clinton; Rev. Leroy Boland, Clinton; Dr. A. A. Kitchings, Clinton; Ben Judson Kitchings, Clinton; Rev. R. A. Eddleman, Clinton.

THE BAPTIST HOUR

1943



SPEAKER
Sunday, 8:30 A. M.
January 10
Dr. R. C. Campbell

STATIONS
WBRC—Birmingham
WFSA—Montgomery
KTHS—Hot Springs
WSB—Atlanta
KWKH—Shreveport
KTBS—Shreveport
WJBO—Baton Rouge
WSLI—Jackson
WREC—Memphis

INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS TO LISTEN

At the request of Van Winkle Church, a council composed of Dr. Chas. L. McKay, Rev. L. W. Ferrell and Rev. J. E. Gore, examined and ordained Rev. Robert S. Crawford. The sermon was preached by Dr. McKay and the examination was conducted by Rev. L. W. Ferrell.

Rev. Joe Cruse has been called as pastor of Tate Street Church in Corinth. He succeeds Rev. A. B. Jones, who recently accepted the pastorate at Sherman.

New Hope Church, the second oldest church in Neshoba County has unanimously voted to enter into the Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade. Reverend J. E. McCraw of McComb, pastor of Silver Creek and Progress churches in Pike County, will conduct our services, beginning on the night of March 7th.—Walter McCraw, pastor.

A good book of sermons is a recent book, THE CALL TO CONVERSION, by Hyman Appelman and published by Fleming H. Revell Company. The sermons are Evangelistic and well outlined. The price is \$1.00.

Our regular church attendance is increasing from time to time at New Hope and interest in the work has grown. During the past few months the Sunday School has been re-organized and mid-week prayer services have been inaugurated. We also have a very active Woman's Missionary Union.—Walter McCraw, pastor.

Rev. Charles A. Leonard, Southern Baptists' missionary to China, left this country, October 23, 1942, to return to the Orient, journeying via Capetown to India. A recent cable to New York announced the vessel's arrival in India. From there Mr. Leonard was to fly to Kweilin, Free China, where he will administer the relief funds sent by the Foreign Mission Board. Thus Southern Baptists have the assurance that gifts for relief purposes will be administered wisely by one who has the confidence, not only of the Foreign Mission Board but also of the Chinese officials.

Miss Margaret Marchman of Nigeria, in her Christmas letter to friends in America writes:

"During the year a leper colony has been established just outside Shaki. Here, lepers are regarded as outcasts even by their own families, therefore the gospel of a loving Christ grips their hearts very readily. The fact that they become such strong Christians and later, when they have been cured, go back to their homes to witness makes work with them more challenging."

Moss Point—Our treasurer's report for 1942 shows total gifts of \$20,099.00, divided as follows: Building fund, \$14,000.00; local expenses \$3,819.90; denominational causes \$2,279.10. The church remembered the pastor and his family very generously Christmas, and raised pastor's salary substantially for 1943.

—J. F. Brock, Pastor.

PIL-lets

In 1840 one out of every twenty people in North Carolina was a member of a Baptist church. In 1940 one out of every five was a Baptist.

Recently two men connected with Central Baptist Seminary in Kansas City, Kansas, were burned to death in a hotel in Sabetha, Kansas. They were James S. Wells and W. A. Allen.

Warren Baptist association, organized in 1767 in Providence, R. I., now has for moderator Rev. W. H. E. Smith, pastor of a Negro Baptist Church.

According to the Watchman Examiner, the total gifts of Americans to war relief during 1941 was less than the increase in liquor sales over the previous year.

The people were greatly blessed in a "Youth Week" meeting conducted by Chester Swor in Immanuel Church, Shawnee, Okla.

The Christian Advocate says that "at least fifty American colleges have closed their doors in the last few months, and scores of others face the imminent possibility of being closed, as a result of financial difficulties arising out of war conditions. . . . Let there be no under-estimating of the facts: The church colleges are in grave danger, and if they become casualties of war, American life will have suffered an irreparable damage."

It is said that the property of Dodd College in Shreveport has been transferred to Centenary College, a Methodist institution. So passes another Baptist school. Hadn't we better begin to study our educational situation and quit patting ourselves on the back?

There is a difference between a wish and a prayer. A wish is merely an expression of good will, when spoken to others. It obtains for you and them exactly nothing in the way of material or spiritual benefits. We say, "I wish you a happy New Year," and we can forget all about it. It has no effect on the year, or on the friend. We simply pull on a cord that reaches nowhere. But prayer is different. When we pray we pull on a cord, one end of which is in our hand, and the other is attached to the throne of God. Prayer is asking God for something which cannot be had without his help. His ear is attentive to the cry of our supplication. His heart responds and his hand becomes active to bring to us or to our friends that which we request. A wish does not rise higher than your head. But a prayer ascends to the throne of Him who made and controls the universe. There is a wide difference.

Say so—Say it—"Let the redeemed of the Lord say so." It is not enough to have kindness in your heart. It is not enough to have gratitude in the heart. It must find its way out, or it will be smothered to death. Don't take it for granted that your friend knows that you are fond of him. Don't think it is enough that in your heart you love your wife or your husband. Tell it out. Let them know about it. If some one has shown you a kindness you do not just let them suppose you are grateful. The simplest necessity of good manners requires that you say, "I thank you." If you have kindness and compassion in your heart for anyone in sorrow or in need, it will do him no good until you have given some expression to it. That is what your tongue, and your hands, are for. Failure to give expression to any feeling chokes it. Giving expression intensifies it. Jesus expects us to confess with our mouths that he is our Lord. And lots of people are hungry for a word from you, which would brighten all the days to come. We ought not to be backward about giving God the glory for answering prayers. Rick-enbacker and the men with confessed they prayed, and say their prayer was answered.

The Taylor Evangelistic party held a three week's meeting in First Church, Oklahoma City. There were 151 additions, one third of them by Baptism.

Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:

"LOVE NEVER FAILS." I Cor. 13:8b

"They . . . went everywhere preaching the word." Acts 8:4.

JANUARY 1943

Another year is dawning.
Dear Master, let it be,
In working, or in waiting,
Another year with Thee;

Another year of mercies,
Of faithfulness and grace;
Another year of gladness
In the shining of Thy face;

Another year of progress,
Another year of praise,
Another year of proving
Thy presence all the days;

Another year of service,
Of witness of Thy love,
Another year of training
For holier work above;

Another year is dawning.
Dear Master, let it be
On Earth, or else in Heaven,
Another year for Thee.

I

For months the Scripture, "They . . . went everywhere preaching the word," has been ringing through our soul. That was the way they did it in spite of persecution. They had no trains, carriages, autos, bicycles, or airplanes. Yet they did it! On every hand there was ignorance, idolatry, sin, superstition, opposition—yet, they did it!

Why cannot Mississippi Baptists do it? What? "Preach the word everywhere!" In the pulpit, by the roadside, in the schoolhouse, in the shop, by day, by night, in the country, in the village, in the town, in the city, in the homes, under brush arbors, under tents, in season, out of season, in Summer, in Springtime, in Fall, in Winter, as preachers, as laymen, under favorable conditions in the face of opposition, in revival, in regular services, in every service!

"They . . . went everywhere preaching THE WORD!" Acts 8:4.

We do not know of anybody who excels Mississippi Baptists in THE WORD to preach! No one must excel us in preaching THE WORD EVERYWHERE!

II

THE LAST CALL

We call attention again to the Mississippi Baptist Evangelistic Conference, Clinton, January 18-21, 1943. The session opens Monday, 2:00 P. M. Dr. R. H. Coleman, Dallas, is to conduct the song services. Dr. George Truett will be heard twice daily. Drs. Zeno Wall, J. T. Watts, T. L. Holcomb, D. M. Nelson, Jr., and others will be heard.

Because of limited facilities, only Ministers will be entertained overnight. However, all are invited to attend all services.

Send reservation requests to Pastor James L. Sullivan, Clinton.

This is probably the last Conference "for the duration."

It will be a fitting climax to the other four of 1939-40-41-42!

III

Little things in life often reveal so much of character. Through the minor things we sometimes see the magnanimous spirit. Again we see a cheap spirit.

We think now of two incidents on the finer side. Recently in supplying for Pastor W. A. Gill, who has been out of his pulpit for many weeks, we announced an evening topic that incited some interest. He commented favorably and somewhat humorously and said, "while I think we see things alike, if we don't I just feel sorry for myself." In his genial

way he was being nice without denying anything in which he believed. He does believe something too! How much more of the Spirit of Christ was evidenced than if he had said, "Now if he does not agree with me on all points he is doomed at the start."

Again, in the Board meeting, when the Committee on Salaries found out that a fine field worker got a little less than fine office helpers, they were unanimous in raising that salary.

Baptists will not pay exorbitant salaries. They should not. But they are just. They are generous.

IV

Evangelist Aubert Dunn, Meridian, will be available for help in some of our meetings during the Evangelistic Crusade. Incidentally, it is possible that Dr. L. R. Scarborough might be persuaded to come over for two or three engagements.

George County was the first association to officially vote to enter the Statewide Evangelistic Crusade. The preachers secured for the six churches of this association are: Brothers Charlie St. John, Brooksville, for Rocky Creek Church; W. W. Kyzar, Meadville, for Agricola Church; Wm. L. Compere, Meridian, for Shady Grove Church; W. M. Nix, Juniper Grove, for Barton Church, and the writer is to have the happy privilege of serving with this fine group during the week at Lucedale.

V

In altering our Baptist Record Mailing System we have been shown every courtesy by our printers, the Vicksburg Post, by the local Postoffice, by the Express Company, etc.

While we are at it, we are also attempting to remove some possible duplications in our bookkeeping system in this office. We are installing a serially numbered duplicate receipt system. If we are able to complete plans in time, all receipts from this office hereafter should bear a serial number. The King's Business requires the BEST!

Those in charge of the mailing of the Baptist Record have rendered excellent service in discharging each week a heavy task. Mailing 29,000 papers weekly is no easy task.

Due mainly to the system used, errors in mailing were creeping in. At the December meeting the Executive Committee authorized thoroughly departmentizing the Baptist Record. The mailing was placed under Business Management.

Immediately we secured the services of Mr. J. B. Robinson, Crystal Springs, who comes to us January 15th, as Baptist Record Bookkeeper and Superintendent of Mailing. In the meantime helpers have altered the system. It will take some few weeks to check all 29,000 plus addresses. We are working at it.

Editor Goodrich (also Circulation Manager) is giving us a good paper. We want the folks ALL to get it!

Incidentally, give us about 5,000 more subscriptions and the Baptist Record, promoting the Cause of Christ, will stand first in paid circulation in Mississippi so far as Mississippi newspapers are concerned. Baptists are first in numbers, in Missions, etc., why not first in this also!

VI

We were glad to substitute at Calvary, Greenwood, as Pastor Eure recuperated from a hospital experience. These people worship in a lovely building. We enjoyed the fellowship with all the folks.

Pastor W. A. Gill, McComb, has not been in his pulpit for many weeks—on orders from his doctor. It was good to substitute again. Do you remember the Sunday "it rained?" They still had some folks that morning and a real congregation that night.

Brother Gill is happy seeing his church make larger plans for participation in all the work this year. They make a substantial monthly increase in their check to this office for all causes.

CORRECTION

In last week's Baptist Record, page 11 we intended saying "saving \$2,100 additional in this transaction." The printer had it \$21,000. Not quite so much in that simple transaction.

VII

During Seminary days the following testimony came to us as a warning challenge:

An assembly hall in France just behind the lines

NOW CLUB

DOUBLING THE FIVE THOUSAND CLUB
A DEBTLESS DENOMINATION BEFORE 1945

It seems to us the greatest weakness of the Now Club has been that our total pledges are so far from the \$542,000 goal. For the three-year plan to have been altogether successful, the entire amount needed to be pledged and active for the full three-year period.

Up to December 15, 1942, our pledges totalled \$365,548. Thus, after three years we lack \$176,452 having the entire amount subscribed.

It is true that some churches and individuals are paying who have not pledged. The spirit of victory calls for an all out effort! We have not had that in every place!

The fine thing is that in the church and in the denomination there are the faithful who go "all the way" in every Christian movement!

O you desire to help? Then, get your church, if it has not already done so, to assume as a worthy goal a part of this unpledged \$176,452! You will also find some individuals about you who will join in and help if this matter is earnestly and prayerfully presented.

The next date for calling bonds is July, 1943. In an advertisement in this issue we show you how we expect to save \$45,675 in calling 1957 maturities (\$52,500) on that date. We also show you how we might save an additional \$41,445 by calling 1956 maturities (\$51,500) at the same time.

By calling on the same date the 1952 maturities (\$35,000) we would save \$19,950 interest. If we paid off 1953 maturities (\$49,000), we would save \$25,200 interest. If we called 1954 maturities (\$52,500) at the same time, we would save \$36,225 in interest. Going on and calling 1955 maturities (\$52,500), we would save \$44,375 more interest. Add all these totals plus \$75,000 interest already saved and you will find the total thus saved will stand at \$287,870. It is worthwhile! What a day of rejoicing that will be!

Mississippi Baptists MAY do it, if they CARE to!

Mississippi Baptists—a mighty militant spiritual Democracy—on the March!

during World War No. 1 was packed with soldiers. A speaker from America was presented. He said, "Fellows, I have come a long way to talk to you. I do not know what to say. Shall I preach or tell a funny story?"

A long, lanky, Tennessee soldier at the back of the hall stood up and said, "Mister, if you have come a long way to talk to us, and don't know what to say with us facing death and hell the next hour, I suggest a funny story."

We are sure we have failed along the way but we have tried to present Jesus, regardless of any "accessories" brought along.

A layman once probed our heart after a message when we did not extend an invitation. Said he, "Does a salesman present his sales talk and then close his case and go on his way? No! He asks for a decision and an order."

Preachers sometimes preach Christ, and turn away, not expecting anyone to really accept Him!

LESSON POEM

There are children on the floor,
Conning Bible lessons o'er.
"Which word all the Bible through
Do you love best?" queried Sue.
"I like FAITH the best," said one;
"JESUS is my word along."
"I like HOPE" and "I like LOVE,"
"I like HEAVEN, our HOME above."

One more, smaller than the rest—
"I like WHOSOEVER best!"
Whosoever, that means all—
Even me who am so small.
WHOSOEVER—Ah! I see
That's the word for you and me:
"Whosoever will may come,"
Find a pardon and a home.

—Anon.

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A WORTHY APPEAL

On another page the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention urges Southern Baptists to rally to the support of the Hundred Thousand Club. May we endorse this worthy plea. And there are many reasons why we should enthusiastically support Dr. J. E. Dillard and the Executive Committee as they lead Baptists onward and debtless-ward.

We should give all aid possible to the Hundred Thousand Club because:

1. It has already saved us from serious embarrassment. Secretaries Maddry and Lawrence have often testified to the help given by the Hundred Thousand Club.
2. The Hundred Thousand Club has helped us toward the status of a debtless denomination. The Foreign Mission Board debt is now only a few thousand dollars and Dr. Lawrence expects to pay the last Home Board debt by July 1, 1943. Of course, many other factors have contributed to the payment of these debts but the Hundred Thousand Club has helped. Where our southwide debts were \$6,500,000 they are now only \$1,200,000.
3. The Hundred Thousand Club has saved much interest. Every dollar contributed through the Hundred Thousand Club not only reduces our debt but saves interest. And "a dollar saved is a dollar made."
4. The Hundred Thousand Club has helped the morale of Southern Baptists. Many will remember the low-spirited crowd at the 1932 Southern Baptist Convention in Washington, D. C. Compare the spirit of those at Washington and those at San Antonio in 1942. There was a difference.
5. The Hundred Thousand Club should be supported because the sooner we get out of debt the sooner can we do other things with the money now going to debts. We must pay and are going to pay our debts. Why keep putting it off?

The Hundred Thousand Club offers an easy, certain, almost painless way out.

There are two things we can do:

1. Join the Hundred Thousand Club
2. Get others to join.

—BR—

1942 WAS A GREAT YEAR FOR MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS

Final financial figures for 1942 have just reached us. And what figures! Total contributions for the year were \$575,909.51.

Only once before have Mississippi Baptists' contributions ever exceeded that amount. And it has been done without any high pressure campaigns—just lots of Baptists, pastors, laymen and good women, boys and girls keeping everlastingly at the job.

This large amount of money was contributed by many Mississippi Baptists. It came in large and small amounts. It came from homes on the hill and from huts in the hollow. Some of it was widow's mites and some, the gifts of those in easy circumstances.

A happy thought is the fact that whether your gift which helped to make up the total of \$575,909.51 was a small one or a large one, whether it was your tithe or a tip, or an offering, it helped in doing the things that Baptists in Mississippi believe their Lord wants done. Our modest contributions to our own local church as well as some gifts to churches in other places helped to preach the gospel throughout the world, (Home, State and Foreign Missions) helped the Orphanage, our Christian educational institutions, our hospitals, our Seminaries and Training Schools, our ministerial students, and our aged

preachers. And so did yours. In supporting the work promoted by Mississippi Baptists every one who contributed any part of this \$575,909.51 had a share in some or all these worthy objects.

But as someone has said, "Let's make our better best."

LET'S DO EVEN BETTER IN 1943.

—BR—

GOOD SOLDIERS

Good soldiers are the pride and joy of our people. The very small number who prove themselves to be bad soldiers are looked upon with disgust. All of us are glad to honor those who prove to be good soldiers. The heart of every mother and father of a good soldier swells with pride when their boy proves himself a good soldier.

Christians are soldiers. They have a Commander-in-Chief. They have an enemy. In fact, in many ways they may be compared to soldiers of the United States.

They are prepared of God. Just as our government prepares its soldiers, so does God prepare His soldiers. When Philip was told to go to Gaza, God knew that on the Gaza road he would find the Eunuch.

To be a good soldier it is necessary to be yielded to the will of the superior officer. Philip obeyed God's command. He was willing to leave a big meeting and go to a desert to preach to just one man. (How many Mississippi preachers would be willing to do likewise?)

He was also alert to every opportunity. However good the officers may be, when the battle begins, the men are on their own. God told Philip where to go, but when he got there he had to use his own head. He was an alert soldier.

And Philip was a prepared soldier. Before our soldiers are sent to the battle line they must undergo months of training—Christian soldiers need to learn that truth. The devil is no fool. We need all the knowledge we can get. When the Eunuch asked Philip the meaning of certain passages Philip was able to answer him, because he had studied the Scriptures. He understood the Word. Thus he was able to preach the Word. Having done his best, by studying and preaching, he then left results in the hands of God. A good soldier learns all he can about the work of a soldier; then when the battle comes he practices what he has been taught and leaves the results in the hands of God.

LET'S BE GOOD SOLDIERS.

—BR—

JAPANESE ATROCITIES

Almost daily we read of the atrocities of the Japanese. From Ambassador Grew on down to the humblest private we are told how cold, cruel, heartless and inhuman is the treatment received at the hands of the Japanese. Naturally, such stories make our blood boil. We remember how through the years we have tried to be a friend to the Japanese. We remember how we have extended friendliness and kindness time and time again. And even though Japan proved herself unthankful, treacherous and without honor from a military standpoint, yet we expected that she would treat our interned and helpless citizens and prisoners of war as honorable human beings, and not like criminals.

BUT had it occurred to us that many of us have little right to complain. Even though the Japanese have treated our people in a heartless, cruel and unthankful way, yet how have we treated Jesus? Is it not true that we have crucified Him afresh? Have we not disobeyed His commands? Have we not kept his money? Have we not failed to be faithful to Him? Have we not neglected attendance at His house? Have we not loafed as Christians? The Japanese have mistreated Americans in a shameful way, but HOW have we treated our Lord?

—BR—

The story comes from the Solomon Islands of a group of six men, half-starved, exhausted, dirty, cut by thorns and brambles, who straggled into camp one morning. Their astonished comrades said, "Where did you come from? We thought you were dead. How did you get back in?" The boys answered, "Well, we just prayed and kept moving, and believe me, we did a lot of praying." That's the victory spirit these days. We must pray and keep moving.—Baptist Messenger.

Our Contributed Editorial

BY INVITATION OF THE EDITOR

By this means we hope to give our readers a cross section of Mississippi Baptist thought.

THE MYSTERIOUS POWER OF CHRIST

2 Cor. 5:14

Chaplain Mark Lowry, Th.D.

When Paul said, "The love of Christ constraineth us," he summarized the truth about Christ's power in heaven and on earth. The love of gracious sympathy and sacrifice, brought to earth by Christ Himself, holds together continually—always—the world of good spirits. It is the love whose impulses are aroused by the consciousness of need. The need of the world was a Saviour. Love gave the Saviour freely. That love was back of the Old Testament prophecies. It found expression in the life of Christ as He went about doing good. It was measured on the cross of Calvary. It was tested in the tomb. Its victory began in the resurrection. It assumed its proper place in the ascension. It dwells in the hearts of those who are saved by faith in Christ, leading them to victory in life eternal.

The love of Christ keeps us in its bonds of gentleness, busy in the Lord's work in our proper orbit about the true center of gravity—Christ. No Christian can live a worthy life out of his proper orbit. As the planets remain true in their orbits about the sun, so must we ever be true in our orbits about Christ. Otherwise, there must be collisions and waste of life. As the honeybees follow their queen at home, at work and abroad, let us follow our Lord in life and in His service.

The power of cohesion keeps lead or clay together, giving identity and usefulness. Cohesion is a mysterious force for unity. In like manner, but in greater degree, the love of Christ holds together the sharers of His salvation at their work and for their destiny. We are one. Our motives, our tastes, our longings are essentially the same. All heads up in Christ who is the Head. If we function properly in our relationship with Christ and with one another, we are invincible and must ultimately triumph on earth and in heaven.

As we observe the logs and chunks on the surface of a flooded stream, we notice that the floating objects have a tendency to adhere, or get together, and stick together. Especially is it true that the small objects are inclined to take refuge with the large ones. There is a force there that causes them, when they float freely, to seek each other.

The world is like that. Everything feels a need of something. A hidden force impels each to seek other for mutual benefit.

The answer to the need found in the uncertain behavior of the peoples of the world is the love of Christ. The love of Christ is attractive and powerful. It is sufficient for the needs of lost and benighted men. They need Him. They must have Him. Alone, they blindly drift. It is ours to lay hold upon them for Him. There is no other way.

If the love of Christ is in us, we must be about the holy task He has handed us. His love for us and, in return, our love for Him and for His work—that of bringing others to Him—is the key to life. Let us use the key constantly and effectively.

—BR—

It is a pleasure for me to commend to the brotherhood the new book, "The Imperial Christ," written by Dr. S. E. Tull, formerly of Hazlehurst, now pastor of the First Baptist Church of West Helena, Arkansas. "The Imperial Christ" is a book of sermons. Twelve of the best sermons produced in a long and distinguished ministry are included in the book. They are condensed and yet long enough to be of satisfying fullness. They are all gospel centered, strongly evangelistic, scholarly and engaging. The selection of topics and the treatment of themes have been made so as to serve most helpfully under present world conditions. I consider this one of the best volumes of sermons our Broadman Press has brought out.

—J. H. Street.

OVER FIFTY YEARS PROGRESS, CLIMAXED WITH A MIRACLE

The Paynes Baptist Church (organized in 1884) under the wise leadership of O. B. Beverly, their present beloved and noble pastor, dedicated their fifteen thousand dollar new building debt-free January the 3rd, 1943. The co-operation in the construction from the start, was evidenced in that all of the funds and material came by free-will offerings, not only from the members of the church, but from many friends from other denominations. The Treasurer's report stated that the Pastor's salary was paid in full, obligations to the Co-operative program met, NOW PLEDGE practically liquidated, fifty dollars sent to the orphanage and a balance of over \$200 in the treasury.

The deacons recommended a budget for 1943 with a good increase over the 1942 budget, adding \$120.00 to the pastor's salary. (This is an Every Family church.—Editor.)

The pastor then awarded fifty-four diplomas and awards to the Sunday School officers and teachers and fourteen awards to officers and members of the Training Union, at the close of the program.

This is a half-time church with the strong probability that it will soon go to full time. There is not a wealthy family in the church. It approaches the 100 per cent mark of being a missionary Baptist church.

Surely a miracle has been wrought in the Paynes Baptist Church.

—R. A. Eddleman.

—BR—

PRESIDENT MACKAY'S REPLY TO U. S. CATHOLIC HIERARCHY'S BLAST AT EVANGELICAL MISSIONARY EFFORT IN SOUTH AMERICA

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this country, to set the relation of Protestant Christianity to Hispanio America in a perspective which does violence both to historical truth and contemporary fact.

"We deplore the pretension of the Roman Catholic hierarchy to circumscribe the religious freedom of Protestant Christians in the proclamation of their faith, while by implication reserving for themselves the right to the universal proclamation of their own. . . .

"The churches represented in this Council (The North American Council of the Churches of Christ) will continue to avail themselves of the constitutional freedom which the republics of Hispanio America grant to the representatives of every faith. . . ." (Time, December 21, 1942, page 74.)

In the situation now obtaining in the world missionary enterprise in which many hitherto effective fields have been temporarily closed by the war, it is unthinkable that evangelical Christians will allow the Roman Catholic hierarchy in this country to hinder the extension of our efforts to take the Gospel to our neighbors in Latin America.

—BR—

PRESIDENT OF THE BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE SENDS A NEW YEAR MESSAGE

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which no strain has loosed or broken. Whom God hath joined together, oceans cannot part, and man cannot put asunder.

The second is:

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," with its stirring refrain, "Crown Him Lord of All."

How direct and significant is its message! "Lord of all"—nothing left aside. It implies the enthronement of Jesus in all life—personal and social, economic and cultural, national and international. It is His royal authority which is flouted and rejected in the evils by which men destroy themselves and one another; and it is in His Name alone that we can hope to take any effective part in shaping a "new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness," and in which war shall be no more. As we seek to overcome the moral and spiritual chaos of our age, we can never forget that finally everything turns on persons and on their relation to Jesus Christ. "None but changed people can change the world" was the message of our Atlanta Congress. "Apart from Me ye can do nothing" is the word of our Lord, mightily enforced today by poignant tragedy and bitter moral failure. No new and abiding world-order can be fashioned without Him.

Through all the year, in our fellowship and ser-

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and act on every day of the year.

The verse contains three vital truths, two of them challenges, the third a promise. "Commit thy way unto the Lord." Here is God's challenge to make the once-for-all committal of our lives in this world, or reaffirm a life committal already made. This means for many of us the reaffirming of our committal to Christ as the Lord of our daily lives in all their relationships. It means our recommitment to the practice of the lordship of Jesus Christ. It involves the long-range decision as to the direction one takes and the destiny he will reach. It is the committal to the long journey with Christ, and in His direction and toward the Heavenly Home.

But a journey is not made by one long step; it is made by many, many steps. It is as though one committed himself to walk to the post office, and then actually walked, step by step, to his purposed destination. Every time he raises and lowers his foot he confirms his first committal and demonstrates it to the world. He is saying with every step: "I will, I do, I will, I do."

And so the Psalmist also challenges us to "trust also in Him" to who we have committed our way. Here we are challenged day by day, even moment by moment, to think and do and say that which we know God would have us do. This is trusting him, entrusting our lives to him, in the commonplace activities of every-day living, in home, in office, in shop, on street, everywhere. For by every Christian act, a Christian reaffirms his committal to Christ and demonstrates to the world the lordship over him of Jesus Christ. Even so we may live, trusting also in Him, through each day of 1943.

A marvelous promise is attached to each day lived in faith. "And He shall bring it to pass." Bring what to pass? He will bring to pass for those who live the life of faith that which everyone desires most of all, for himself and his loved ones. He will bring to pass that which is best. To be sure, what we desire the most is not always or necessarily that which is best for us.

The question therefore which searches us out the most deeply is this: Do we dare desire for ourselves, whatever it may be, that which God knows is best for us? Do we trust God this fully? Will we live our lives day by day throughout 1943 trusting in Him with a vital, living faith like this?

Nineteen forty-three will undoubtedly be a hard year for each one of us. For millions it will be the last year. For others it will be a fateful year. For our world it will probably be one of those pivotal years upon which, every now and then, a century turns. But for everyone who will "trust also in Him" God will bring to pass that which He in His grace and wisdom knows to be best. With this assurance in our hearts we can indeed enter into 1943 with courage and hope and joy.

—BR—

DR. J. B. CRANFIELD, PROMINENT BAPTIST WORKER, PASSES AWAY

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 28—Dr. James Britton Cranfill, 83, known to thousands as founder of the Baptist Standard Sunday School teacher and militant prohibitionist, died in Dallas, Texas, on December 28.

A Baptist minister and educational worker, he was also a physician, newspaper editor and orator. He served as assistant financial secretary of Baylor University and was nominated for vice president of the United States by the prohibition national convention in 1892.

For more than 50 years he conducted Sunday School classes at Waco and Dallas; in later years his

vice, be the days dark or bright, we shall know "the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit." Therefore let us "be strong and very courageous."

In unity of faith, hope and love, I greet all my brethren in East and West, in North and South; and pray for them a blessed New Year.

J. H. RUSHBROOKE,
President, Baptist World Alliance.
Baptist World Alliance Office,
London.
October, 1942.

A GREETING FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR

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are now terribly engaged in a global war—Individualism and Totalitarianism. The world-shaking issue confronts humanity with one of the major crises of all history. The present immeasurably momentous hour imperiously challenges the sanest thought and the noblest behavior of all mankind. The founding fathers of our beloved country recognized God as the supreme source of our needed wisdom and strength, by writing into the declaration of our country's independence, that all men are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, especially naming life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Of all the errors running through the bestialized philosophy of mad dictators, now seeking to scuttle civilization, the most pernicious and horrible error is the brazen and blasphemous contempt for the worth and dignity of human life—of any and every human life, anywhere and everywhere. All the great reforms in history have been waged for the rights of the individual, whether in politics, economics or religion.

In the present, destiny-determining days, let us make John Oxenham's words our very own:

"Man proposes, God disposes,
Still our trust in Him reposes,
Who in war-time still makes roses."

When President Washington was inaugurated as our first President, he uttered these wisely admonitory words: "Heaven can never smile on a nation that disregards the rules of order and right." Surely, it behooves us faithfully to see to it, in all our programs and progress that righteousness is supremely enthroned, everywhere. The downfall of nations comes only when the people fail to listen to God's teachings, and to obey His commands.

Large numbers of our heroic young men and women are now dedicating their lives to defend, and to build a better civilization. Let them be enshrined in our unceasing and most fervent prayers, that they may ever be guided and kept by the Friend that sticketh closer than a brother; and that God will, in His own time and way, make an end of tyrannies, granting victory to the cause of righteousness and freedom, everywhere! Lord Nelson's prayer for his country and her defenders, before Trafalgar, may well be our unceasing prayer for our country and her defenders: "May the Great God Whom I serve, grant to my country a great and glorious victory, and may no misconduct in any way tarnish it. To God I entrust the just cause it is given me to defend!"

In one of the supremely decisive hours in the life of Robert Louis Stevenson, he gives this personal testimony: "I came about like a well-handled ship. There stood at the wheel that unknown Oarsman whom we call God." Here then is the supreme fact in life: "The Lord God omnipotent reigneth." Because of the character and the purposes of God, let us put away all doubt as to the ultimate triumph of righteousness throughout all the earth.

As we turn from another passing year to the dawning New Year, may we wisely leave behind all that would mar our peace and progress, and carry forward only that which would make life happier and better for ourselves and others. May there be such unity in our purposes as shall blend the temporal and spiritual in such a way as to glorify the whole life. If some days shall be marked by prosperity and others by adversity, may we not be coarsened by the one nor embittered by the other. May we be lifted above the pessimism which magnifies the shadows, and be fortified by the optimism which sees the way of life as the shining light which shineth more and more unto the Perfect Day.

Faithfully your friend,

GEORGE W. TRUETT.

Pastor's Study, First Baptist Church,
Dallas, Texas.
Christmas, 1942—New Year, 1943.

voice was heard over the radio in these weekly teachings.

He was superintendent of the Texas Baptist mission work for many years, trustee of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and first vice president of the Baptist general convention of Texas.

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

OUR STATE OFFICERS

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How happy we are to announce that during the month of December the women and young people of Mississippi sent more than \$13,000 to Dr. McCall for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. That amount is approximately \$4,000 more than was sent last December. We are confident that less than one-half of the amount given has been sent thus far. Hope you will complete your gleanings and forward you check as early as possible.

The Literature Department of the Southern Union has enriched our supply of available materials by giving us two new pieces of free literature for our organizations. One is "Questions About Community Missions in a Woman's Missionary Society." This is free for your local and associational Community Missions Chairman. This leaflet answers 16 vital questions concerning our Christian living in our communities and how to plan to enlist every woman in definite Christian work. Write to the W.M.U. Department, Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi, for this leaflet.

The other is a stewardship leaflet by Mrs. Carter Wright, "How Much Owest Thou My Lord?" If every Baptist in the South would read this leaflet thoughtfully, there would not be a local church, state or southwide debt unpaid one year hence. We will be glad to send one to you as stewardship chairman, if you drop us a card.

The following is a copy of some goals set by one of our associational superintendents and presented to her societies. This gives each society something definite to attempt to accomplish.

GOALS FOR NEW YEAR

1. 10 percent Increase in Membership—through enlistment.
2. Improved Vitalized Programs: By varying methods of program presentation; by members putting "best" into parts.
3. Definite Improvement in Reporting: send Quarterly Reports regularly.
4. More Mission Study (Plan a well-balanced Mission Study Course).
5. 10 percent Increase in Tithers (keep a careful record of these).
6. Definite efforts made in Soul Winning.
7. Extend Aid to Negroes in Community: Through a "Gospel and Story Hour" with children.
Send Negro women leaders to Negro conferences or institutes.
8. Organize or re-organize and foster another society in a neighboring community.
9. Increase subscriptions to Missionary Periodicals and Baptist Record.
10. Observe all 3 Seasons of Prayer with Programs and Gifts.
11. Strive to become (1) a full-graded W.M.U. (2) An A-1 society.
12. Increased effort to secure memberships to Now Club and One Hundred Thousand Club.

We are sharing with you excerpts from a letter written by Mrs. C. K. Dozier and Mrs. Edwin Dozier. You will probably remember these as two of our missionaries to Japan:

Baptist Bible School of Hawaii
2325 University Avenue
Honolulu, T. H. November 6, 1942

Dear Friends:

Eighteen months have passed since God led us to pitch our tent in Hawaii. We did not know any of the people here. As we began the work a profound consciousness filled our souls that God must be in the beginning.

"We knew not what the future held of marvel or surprise,

But were assured that in life or death His mercy underlies."

We look back upon the short and some difficult

days and say, "What God hath wrought!"

Doors closed in Japan, but they have opened wide here. We greatly rejoice that we can work for and with the Japanese people here. Our only regret is that our Foreign Mission Board has not more workers here to take advantage of this opportunity which may never be possible again.

A very short time after we came we held the first service in the Japanese language in the little Olivet Baptist Church. After much visiting there six came. For the past few months men and women have been coming—not once, but regularly every Sunday. One Sunday morning three men came—each one made a gift of twenty-five dollars in "gratitude to God that He had sent workers here at such a time to work with Japanese people." The time of seed sowing requires patience, but we were happy to have thirty-three adults worshipping God on Sunday morning in the Japanese language department of the church.

You would have rejoiced with us could you have been here on September twentieth where one man and two women—the first fruits in Hawaii of Japanese speaking Baptist—were baptized with twenty others of our Olivet and Wahiawa churches. A Navy Chaplain baptized one of his boys, then followed an Army Chaplain baptizing a young soldier of the Lord Jesus. Pastor Koon baptized young people of several nationalities—followed by Pastor Belote whose young people followed their Lord in baptism. Then, came Edwin with his three candidates. He used the Japanese language as he buried them with Christ. One of our fine (Louisville Seminary) Chaplains said, "This has been one of most impressive services I ever witnessed and when Edwin baptized his candidates it broke me up—I wept. We ought to tell this all over the world—at a time like this—when we are all at war that such a thing could happen. Yes, the love of Christ breaks all barriers down.

Often deepest appreciation is expressed by the Japanese when we visit in their homes and talk with them in their own language. One of the finest bits of service for the past six months has been a group of elderly Japanese women who have given an after noon each week in knitting sweaters, making hospital slippers for American soldiers, and making several dozen quilts for children. From this group we expect some to come into the Kingdom.

A glorious opportunity came when the large Japanese hospital (now under the U. S. Army) invited Miss Thelma Williams to be a nurse there with freedom to teach the Gospel. God works in marvelous ways. We hope to have services there soon.

In thinking of the work for and with Southern Negro Baptists you will be interested in the following advertisement concerning the methods book compiled by Miss Burroughs:

"HOW"

A new edition just off the press. It's the last word. If you really want to know HOW to grow and how to make a Missionary Society go—get "HOW"—study it—apply its teachings and business will pick up in your Society and Church.

Price 25 cents. Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, Lincoln Heights, Washington, D. C.

ABOUT ORGANIZATION PINS

Everybody knows that metals are essential war material. Necessary restrictions as to the use of metals for other purposes prevent our getting new supplies of our organization pins.

At present we have NO pins for the Girls' Auxiliary and NO All Gift (25c) pins for Sunbeams. We are sorry for any disappointment this may cause. When the pins can be had again notice will be given in our publications.

W.M.U. LITERATURE DEPARTMENT

1111 Comer Building, Birmingham, Alabama

TO THE HEART OF A LEADER OF YOUNG PEOPLE

As you face the duties and responsibilities of the days ahead and you are tempted to not accept responsibility or to give up "your organization", may you be strengthened by Him whose work it is to say I WON'T LET GO!

I want to let go, but I won't let go
There are battles to fight
By day and by night, for God and the right
And I'll never let go.

I want to let go, but I won't let go
I'm sick it's true,
Worried and blue, torn through and through
But I WON'T let go.

I want to let go, but I won't let go
I will never yield
What? Lie down on the field and surrender my shield?
No! I'll never let go.

I want to let go, but I won't let go
May this be my song, 'mid legions of wrong
That I may never let go!

—Author Unknown.

FULL-GRADED WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Recently a college graduate, who had been deprived of the usual childhood education, was relating some of the tremendous difficulties he has had to meet because of his lack of foundation. Those who know him look upon him as a great success and have only admiration in their hearts for a man who has accomplished so much against such odds. But he said: "If I live to be eighty I can never get what I really needed as a little boy. I had to begin at the wrong starting point." Is not that a picture of a church without a Full Graded Woman's Missionary Union? How many adult church members have you not heard cry out, "If I only had training and information earlier"—How necessary it is that missionary education begin at the right starting point.

The only and sufficient answer to such a need is found in the Full Graded Woman's Missionary Union. Beginning the study of world missions with the Sunbeam child and continuing, without a break, through the Royal Ambassador Chapter or the Girls' Auxiliary and Young Woman's Auxiliary will give to the W.M.U. and the church a steady stream of heart-surrendered and mission-minded members—members who know, who pray, who give, who serve. What more could be asked?

This will not come by merely looking into the "wishing well." The W.M.S. must have a president who has a vision of the need and the great possibilities of a Full Graded W. M. U. in her church. She must have such strong convictions of its value that she will strive untiringly to bring it to pass and to maintain it.

Her first task will be to lead the society in the selection of a consecrated and alert young people's director, one who through "faith, hope and love" is not easily discouraged and knows to hearten those with whom she will work. None the less important is the selection of counselors. They must be devoted Christians, energetic lovers of missions and young people, consecrated enough to put "first things first" and diligent enough to use what they can learn through the invaluable auxiliary magazines and other material easily accessible. Few people can be original, but anyone who will can be an accumulator. The dictionary says that an accumulator is "a power-storing apparatus." This is a prophetic description of an auxiliary leader who is ever on the alert to accumulate ideas, suggestions and materials

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GOING PLACES

Our Text: 1 Timothy 4:13a and 15b: "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

SECOND CHURCH, BILOXI, ADOPTS EVERY FAMILY PLAN

Rev. E. S. Flynt, pastor of Second church, Biloxi, writes us that this church has adopted the EVERY FAMILY PLAN. Woolmarket, of which he has been pastor since its organization, has also had the Record almost ever since its beginning.

We are glad to welcome Second Church, Biloxi, along with the growing list that have adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY PLAN.

Harrison county now has Record readers listed as follows:

BILOXI FIRST, 45; Gulfport, 17; Mississippi City, 1; PASS CHRISTIAN, 20; BILOXI, SECOND, 21; Handsboro, 2; Woolmarket, 13; Grace Memorial, 1; BOWEN MEMORIAL, 30.

BAPTIST PAPERS AND THE BUDGET

The First Baptist Church of St. Petersburg, Florida has kept the Florida Baptist Witness in their budget for more than a dozen years. We send a check to our paper the first of each month. You will observe that the churches that have used the budget plan through a number of years have no disposition to abandon it.



DAVID M. GARDNER

Perhaps that is true, but the same may be said concerning Sunday School and Training Union literature. We have come to the point of believing that our Baptist paper has a logical, vital place in our church budget. Do not think of it as charity, but as a common sense investment in the educational and character development of our people.

David M. Gardner.

Every one seems to enjoy the Baptist Record and our church is doing well. We have a good Sunday school and Training Union. — H. E. Bates, Clerk, Tangipahoa Church.

Dear Editor:

I feel like I owe a few lines to this grand paper. I sure am proud this paper is coming in my home. I sure do enjoy reading it. I want to thank Brother Faires for sending me this grand paper. He is our pastor at Mt. Hebron church, and I sure do enjoy listening to him every time he preaches a sermon. I have two boys in the army. I want everybody

to pray for me and my children. May God bless one and all is my prayer.

Sallie Allsup,
Tiptersville, Miss.

Morton, Miss.

Dear Bro. Goodrich:

In the spring of 1941 you made a trip out here to our church, Springfield, and presented the EVERY FAMILY Plan, and the church adopted it in October, 1941. We went to half time, raised our pastor's salary from \$35.00 to \$50.00 per month. At the association in October, 1941 we reported for all purposes \$1,053.91, and at the association in October, 1942 we reported for all purposes \$2,037.60, and this does not include \$100.00 to the Now Club and \$100.00 to the Cooperative Program that we gave the first Sunday in October, 1942. The church also raised the pastor's salary \$10.00 per month the first of October.

We would not give the Baptist Record all the credit, but we believe it has been a wonderful help.

We just thank the Lord that he has sent us the Baptist Record along with the best pastor in the state of Mississippi, and that we, a small rural church of poor people, have had a part in the Kingdom work.

Sincerely,
Moody R. Purvis.

Bethel Church, Newton County, is Now an EVERY FAMILY Church

Even though Pastor H. H. Bethune is spending a few weeks in a hospital at Alexandria, La., the church at Bethel goes on and even makes progress. A letter from Mrs. H. H. Bethune brings the happy news that Bethel church has adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan.

There is still room for a few more EVERY FAMILY churches.

THE NORTHERN CONVENTION AND THE CALIFORNIA CHURCHES

Following the last session of the Southern Baptist Convention, when it received "the Southern Baptist General Convention of the State of California" into its membership the General Council of the Northern Baptist Convention appointed a committee to confer with a like committee to be appointed by the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Convention with reference to policies and comity between the two bodies.

This committee was appointed consisting of Charles W. Daniel, Austin Crouch, Walter P. Binns and Louie D. Newton, which met with the committee from the Northern Baptist Convention consisting of Ernest J. Millington, chairman, Carlton W. Atwater and Charles W. Koller, in St. Louis, September 23, 1942.

Our committee made it clear that they had no authority to make any commitments for the executive committee or for the Convention but that they would gladly transmit to them any statement the committee of the Northern Baptist Convention had to make with reference to incidents which, in their judgment, seem to violate the terms of the Statement of Principles adopted by both Conventions in 1912.

Later our committee received a communication from the committee of the Northern Convention citing the two following incidents, which in their judgment, "violate the terms, certainly the spirit, of the 1912 agreement":

1. "The recognition of a group of churches in Southern California by the Southern Baptist Convention—as a body—in corporate union with the Southern Baptist Convention.

2. "The activities of the Illinois Baptist State Association in active co-operation with certain agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention."

A special committee which was appointed at this session to consider the statement, consisting of Walter P. Binns, J. M. Dawson, Merrill D. Moore, Chas. W. Daniel, R. C. Campbell and J. Howard Williams, asked for continuance to make their report at the pre-Convention session in Memphis next May.—W. M. Gilmore.

FERNWOOD PASTOR BECOMES CO-PASTOR AT EAST SIDE, McCOMB

Just to say that things still move along in Fernwood and that we have resigned the Church here to go to the East Side Baptist Church, McComb, Miss., as co-pastor with Brother W. A. Gill who has been pastor of the church for over 23 years and due to failing health he is not able to do much at the present time. The people there love him and we hope he will soon be able to preach again.

We hate to leave the people here in Fernwood because we have learned to love them all. They have been faithful and more than good to Mrs. Porter and me as well as Jetty Jane, our 2-year-old daughter. This is a great field for work and a pleasant people to work with. There have been over 48 additions to the church since we came here a year and a half ago. Great improvements have been made in the Church building and the finances have about doubled. We have over 40 Tithers in our church out of the 171 members. We have a wide awake W.M.U., B.T.U., Sunday School, and prayer-meeting. Our Deacons and men meet every Friday night as well as Sunday morning at 9:30 for Prayer. Pastor's salary has been raised almost 50 per cent. They have the use of a nice parsonage which they expect the pastor to live in. The Church is in need of a good man to lead them and want a man to move on the field and spend his time here. If you know of one tell him to get in touch with Clyde Coker, Chairman of Deacons and Pulpit committee. Write or wire at Fernwood, Miss.

Sincerely yours in service,
H. P. PORTER.

HOW TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

The drink problem is discussed very often. We have Sunday school lessons, B. T. U. lessons and sermons on the drinking problem. We read in newspapers, hear over the radio, and see the awful results of drinking, such as the ruin of health, breaking marriage ties, crimes, car wrecks and the great sums of money that are spent daily for strong drinks. Yet, when Christmas comes, a great number of people (I mean Baptists) can't spend Christmas without a drink or two. If they don't get a drink, they say they have had no Christmas.

How should we celebrate Christmas? Let's remember the Wise Men as they came from the East, following a star which led them to Bethlehem. They found the Babe lying in a manger. It was there they knelt down and worshipped Him. It was there they presented gifts, gold, frankincense and myrrh. Let us, as Americans, present gifts, show our love for each other, for God and for our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Sometimes I think Christmas should be just after the revival meeting in the summer. I am sure the readers have heard of a summer Christian and winter devil. It is not every one that says, "Lord, Lord," that will be saved; but he that doeth the will of the Father. I am trusting that people (at least the Christian people) will celebrate Christmas in a Christian way.

Rev. Homer McDonald, Lena, Miss.

FULL-GRADED WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

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for attractive programs and projects. The young people's director and the counselors need to meet together once a month for sharing successes and talking over problems; for planning next month's activities; for keeping up information and enthusiasm concerning Focus Weeks, camps, weeks of prayer and other matters vital to all auxiliaries.

The W.M.S. can be of great help by giving real recognition to the reports of the counselors at the monthly business meeting and by whole-hearted fostering of each auxiliary. A circle's fostering needs to manifest constant interest in the activities of its auxiliary. It must be the hand that will always reach out and strengthen; the hand that often carries within its grasp a "surprise" that will be a lift to a threatened summer slump or an encouragement in time of depression.

A Full Graded Union is possible to every church that has young people in its community. It is also vital to every such church.

—Mrs. L. G. Gates, Laurel
(From Year Book).

Touching The Bases

By Fred R. Langley

Soldiers, Sailors and Defense Projects Service

Soldiers, Sailors and Defense Projects Service 1943—Our aim is to be of greater service to our Lord and to the men in uniform whom we seek to aid while training or serving in Mississippi camps.

BILOXI: During the Christmas holiday at Keesler Field, the First Baptist Church held open house. The recreational facilities, the library and practically every service the center offered was used freely all Christmas Day. Groups from the church assisted by groups from the military post went caroling Christmas Eve night. As a young soldier spending his first Christmas away from home put it, "The next best thing to being at home was to be in the home-like atmosphere of the Soldier Center in the First Baptist Church."

Mail—Tons of it went overseas, tons of it were received in camps in the continental limits of the U. S. A. Recently in a service in a Mississippi camp with 400 present the Chaplain asked all who had written home during the past week to lift a hand. Approximately 95 percent responded. Then all who had received a letter or message from home during the week were asked to raise a hand and about 90 percent responded. This was a fine record made two weeks before Christmas. Cheerful letters from home help the soldier to be of good courage and to do his duty as a soldier for God and country. The Army calls this morale.

Chaplains—Eventually all Chaplains in the U. S. Army will be sent to the school at Cambridge, Mass., run by the Chaplains Corps. The chief purpose is the education of the Chaplain's physical and mental attitudes. Classes patterned by the Chief of Chaplains and the Adjutant-General teach the Chaplains military courtesies and customs, Army administration, military law, chemical warfare defense, map reading, first aid, military sanitation, grave registration and other practical duties of the Chaplain in the field.—Camp Shelby Reville.

The question facing some of our Baptist churches in new camp areas for the New Year is, "What can we as a church, and servants of God and country, do to help provide adequate religious ministry for the service man?" See the Chaplain and plan with him.

—BR—

DURANT CHURCH SPONSORS NEW TYPE OF NEW YEAR SERVICE

Durant First Church, Dr. B. Frank Smith, pastor, sponsored a new type of New Year Dedication Service, blending patriotism, fellowship, worship, and dedication in a two-hour program that attracted a large crowd and evoked favorable comment from many. Dr. McCall was the guest of the church for the occasion. First there was a program of patriotic and fellowship music and speaking in the auditorium. Next the crowd passed to the social parlors for refreshments and a program of games. The last phase of the service was a worship program in the auditorium, featuring an inspirational address by Dr. McCall which challenged those present to a greater zeal and consecration for the new year.

The service closed just past midnight with a period for Scripture quotation, informal remarks, taking an offering for Foreign Relief, prayer of dedication, and the singing of "Lead On, O King Eternal" as the theme for the new year. A considerable number of guests from the other churches were present and cooperating in the program.

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THE LIFE OF CHRIST VISUALIZED is a book that will appeal to small children as well as older people. Mothers are always saying, "My child likes so and so but I get tired of telling it to her because she can't understand it. If I had pictures to illustrate it to her she would understand it." **THE LIFE OF CHRIST VISUALIZED** does just that. It is published by the Standard Publishing Company, Cincinnati, Ohio.—L. J. G.

IT IS WORTHWHILE

Mississippi Baptists have called all their Education Commission Bonds 1943-1951, inclusive. We have saved \$75,000 plus on these bonds called.

Present outstanding Bonds are as follows:

1952	-----	\$35,000
1953	-----	40,000
1954	-----	52,500
1955	-----	52,500
1956	-----	51,500
1957	-----	52,500

Total ----- \$284,000

We intend calling 1957 maturities (\$52,500) on July 1st, next.

We will save \$45,675 interest on this one call. Figure it yourself—6 percent for 14 1-2 years. It is worthwhile!

We had hoped to call \$100,000 next time, and,

If Mississippi Baptists will send in the money for that purpose by July 1st, we will call 1956 maturities (\$51,500) also, saving \$41,445 more interest. Thus the interest saved in calling 1956-57 maturities (\$104,000), would total \$87,120.

Then, the TOTAL INTEREST saved in all calls up to and including the July 1943 call, will stand at \$162,120. That is worthwhile!

Do you and your church want to have a worthy part, for Christ's sake? You may! Send your monies along to the Now Club!

Mississippi Baptist Education Commission

D. A. McCall, Now Club Director
Box 530 Jackson, Mississippi

P. S. We will soon have off that \$38,000 note at bank. This represents balance on \$75,000 borrowed in last \$120,000 bond call.

BILOXI FIRST BAPTIST BANQUET

By MRS. G. C. HODGE

One hundred seventy persons stood in a living circle in the lower auditorium of the First Baptist Church, Biloxi, and sang "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" to close the church fellowship supper preceding the advent of the New Year.

Tables for the supper were arranged in the form of a huge V, extending the length and width of the large recreation room, and burning red and blue candles, red camellias and white narcissi in crystal containers carried out the patriotic theme. Baskets of evergreen and poinsettias and potted poinsettias were used about the room.

Thanks was given with the singing of the doxology and the pastor, Rev. G. C. Hodge, gave the invocation. Music for the event was by Miss Myron Moore, pianist, Wilton Davis, accordion, and Mrs. Earl Welch, who sang two selections, "White Cliffs Of Dover" and "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition."

Those present of the 181 new 1942 members were introduced; many were service men or defense workers and have already gone on to other fields, but many of those with us are active workers in the church. The pastor then introduced the heads of the departments of church activity, who in turn introduced their officers. These were: Deacons, J. R. Mazingo; Sunday School, J. C. Brent; Training Union, Miss Elizabeth Pickering; W.M.U., Mrs. M. H. Dees.

Prominent guests were Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Dunnavant, Gainesville, Fla., former workers in the local church.

The church covenant was read in unison, followed by a prayer for members and friends in the armed services. Songs, "Every Day With Jesus" and "Marching To Zion" were sung, led by Cpl. Murry Severance, followed by the living circle song. Rev. George Moore led the closing prayer.

For the Watch Night observance, the tables were cleared away and games were played, Miss Elizabeth Pickering, directing, assisted by Mrs. Garman who directed the children's games. Later pictures of the Life of Christ were shown. A devotional service closed the old year and ushered in the new

CLEVELAND PASTOR ACCEPTS CHAPLAINCY

Dr. I. D. Eavenson has been granted a leave of absence by the First Baptist Church of Cleveland that he may enter the U. S. Army as a Chaplain.



DR. I. D. EAVENSON

This Church has on her Service Roll the names of ninety-seven men, including two of her deacons.

During the fourteen years of Dr. Eavenson's ministry, the Church membership has doubled, all indebtedness against the church has been lifted, a pipe organ installed, two lots adjoining the original property have been bought, and a Sunday School building

added, named by the Church as the Eavenson Annex.

The Church membership and friends in the city presented him with a love-gift of \$700.00, and the Rotary Club gave him a radio as a token of their appreciation.

Dr. Eavenson has one son, serving as a chemist in an ammunition plant, and another son in the Army Reserve. His wife and daughter will remain in Cleveland.

—BR—

Dear Baptist Record: After thirteen and a half years at Inverness, I come to say goodbye. I am leaving Inverness on Dec. 31. My plans for the future are in the hands of God whom I have tried to serve for many years. I am this much like Abraham of old. "He went out not knowing whither he went." I am leaving a good church. They have made wonderful progress in these thirteen and a half years. The reports from the office of the State Secretary show that their per capita gifts rank 18th in the state and first in the association. If they had had a "good pastor" all these years there is no telling what they would have done.

With abounding gratitude for so much kindness; with an inexpressibly tender memory for those who have gone before; and an affectionate regard for those who remain, I take my leave and pray God's blessings on them and my successor. Mizpah, Gen. 31:49.

In bonds of hope,

C. W. BALDRIDGE.

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THE BEST NEWS

J. E. Dillard

The old debt upon the agencies and institutions of the Southern Baptist Convention has been reduced from approximately \$6,500,000 to about \$1,200,000. This is the best financial news Southern Baptists have heard in a generation.

Victory is in sight. Now if all our freedom-loving people will join in an effort, we can be entirely debt-free in '43. And how happy we shall be. Count on me.

January and February are the months set apart for this special effort, February 14 is named Debtless Denomination Day.

—BR—

Tarbell's Teachers' Guide by Martha Tarbell is published by Fleming H. Revell Company, and sells for \$2.00. It must be good for this is the thirty-eighth annual edition. The Religious Herald (Virginia): "Tarbell's Teachers' Guide is the best yet offered to teachers of all grades in the Sunday school." It may be ordered from The Baptist Book Store.

SUPPOSE

Suppose some one were to offer me a thousand dollars for every soul that I might earnestly try to lead to Christ, would I endeavor to lead more souls to Him than I am endeavoring to do now? Is it possible that I would attempt to do for money, even at the risk of blunders or ridicule what I hesitate or shrink from doing now in obedience to God's command? Is my love of money stronger than my love of God or of souls? How feeble then my love of God! Perhaps this explains why I am not a soul-winner. ("Lovest thou me more than these?" John 21:15.)

Suppose I were to see a blind man unknowingly approach the brink of a high precipice, and that I were to sit by without concern or any effort to warn or save him from certain death, would I not be as guilty of his death in God's sight as though I had murdered him outright? The death of a body, which might have been (but was not) prevented, is a terrible thing, but what about the preventable death of a human soul—perchance of many souls—for which God may hold me responsible? If my murder of another's body by neglect is an unspeakable crime, what shall be said of my murder by neglect of another's soul?

(If thou "givest him not warning . . . his blood will I require at thine hand." Ezek. 3:17-21. See also Dr. Chapman's incident, page 5.)

Suppose that "when the roll is called up yonder," I am there myself but that all through the eternal ages I am unable to find a single person who is there because of my having led him to Christ—how much will heaven mean to me?

(Read carefully Dan. 12:2,3.)

Suppose that as an employee I were spasmodic in the kind of service I rendered—zealous one week, lukewarm the second, and utterly indifferent the third; then zealous, and lukewarm, and indifferent again, and so on—how long would my employer stand such service as that? But is not this the kind of soul-winning service I am giving God? Or it may be not even as good as this. If God's love for me were to be as spasmodically manifested as my love for Him, how would I fare?

("Be instant in season, out of season." 2 Tim. 4:2.)

Suppose that when the final reckoning comes, I should be found, not with ten talents, or even five, but with only one, and that one "hid in the earth" (Matt. 25:14-30)—what then? Has not the one soul-winning talent which God has given me fallen so into disuse that I even doubt its existence? And therefore have I not already "hid it in the earth"? Must I not beware lest the fate of the unprofitable servant be my fate?

("Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." 1 Cor. 4:2.)

Suppose I were to be asked how many persons I had persistently tried to win to Christ during the past month, or even during the past year, what would my answer be? How many have I even spoken to? How many have I on my prayer list now? If I am not interested enough in the salvation of others even to have a daily prayer list, is it any wonder that I am not a soul-winner?

(Part of Paul's prayer list: "Without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers." Rom. 1:9; also ch 28.)

Suppose that every member of the church to which I belong were to dedicate himself or herself today to a life of full surrender to the will of God according to His Word (Rom. 12:1, 2), and were to become henceforth a soul-winner as exemplified in the life of Paul (1 Cor. 9:20-22), would not such a revival follow as this church and community have never seen? And am I not willing to say that by His grace I will give myself from this day forward to the definite business of saving the lost, that I will have a daily prayer list and will do what I can under the guidance of the Holy Spirit to help accomplish the supreme work for which my Lord and Master came into the world?

Yea, Lord, I gladly respond to Thy call (Mark 1:17), and will do what I can from this day forward to help win the unsaved to Thee.

Signed _____

"Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled." (Luke 14:23). "Joy

shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine persons which need no repentance." (Luke 15:7.)

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PRAYER LIST RESULTS

A member of the Interdenominational Association of Evangelists who has been using "Suppose" since 1912 wrote from Iowa sometime ago:

"I distribute the 'Suppose' leaflets among the Christian people in all my meetings, urging each one to make out a prayer list; and in nearly every meeting we find that the most of those converted have been on some one's list.

"Were I to try to enumerate, as others have done, those whom I have seen saved in answer to definite prayer, they would run into hundreds. I thank God for your teaching of the power of intercessory prayer. I am demonstrating that power in all our meetings as we urge people to make out lists and enter into this blessed ministry of intercession.

"I have a praying-band, gathered out of the earnest, praying ones in several states, who have covenanted with God and me to pray for me and the work daily, and also for those whose names I send them. And it is in response to these 'effectual, fervent prayers' that the Heavenly Father is blessing my unworthy efforts, in the salvation of hundreds of souls, and in the spiritual quickening of His children."

Thousands of pastor, evangelists, personal workers and others have written likewise—and every one without solicitation. The League has never asked a letter of endorsement or recommendation from any human being. "Cease ye from man, Behold the Lord." (Isa. 2:22, 3:1). He is making good His every promise. (See 2 Cor. 1:20 and 9:8) The glory is His.

"DO YOU BELIEVE THEY THINK I AM LOST?"

(An incident related by Evangelist William A. Sunday)
I will never as long as I live forget a

scene which I witnessed several years ago. I left the tent where we were holding meetings down in Paris, Illinois, one night, and among the number who left last was a young man to whom I was especially attracted by his fine looks. I walked down the street with him, and put to him the invariable question, "Are you a Christian?"

He said, "No, sir, I am not."

Then I used every Scripture and every argument to get him to promise me to give his heart to God, but could not succeed. When about to separate I said to him, "Are your father and mother alive?" "Both alive," said he.

"Is your father a Christian?" "Don't know; he has been a steward in the church for several years."

"Is your mother a Christian?" "Don't know has been superintendent of the Sunday School of the same church for some time."

"Have you a sister?" "Yes, sir."

"Is she a Christian?" "Don't know; she has the primary department in the Sabbath School."

"Do your father and mother ever ask the blessing at the table?" "No, sir."

"Did your father, mother, or sister ever ask you to be a Christian?" "Mr. Sunday, as long as I can remember, my father or mother or sister never said a word to me about my soul. Do you believe they think I am lost?"

I could not answer such arguments, and I can hear his words still ringing in my ears, "Do you believe they think I am lost?"

Could not many of our loved ones, our neighbors and our friends, take up this cry against us today: "Do they act as though they think we are lost?"

A LOST OPPORTUNITY

In the early days of the late Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman's ministry he was asked to visit a young man who was dying, and the friend who invited him to call made the request that he should not speak to him about dying or becoming a Christian, suggesting that he should first win his confidence, and then on the following day, perhaps, introduce the subject of religion.

"I made my way to the room," says Dr. Chapman, "and sat down for half an hour talking to the young man about the music and the politics of the city. Then I rose to say good-bye, taking his cold, white hand in mine, without a word concerning his future. Just as I reached the door I turned my face back, and his great eyes seemed to burn through and through. To this day I have not forgotten the look of them. I went to my home, but could not rest.

Early the next morning I went back to the house, and touched the door-bell. The door quickly swung open, and I was making my way up to the room, when the maid of the house called me back, and said, 'Do you know, sir, that he died half-an-hour after you were here yesterday afternoon?' I do not know what any other man would say about it, but I have

always felt that when I stand at the Judgment Seat of Christ I shall be expected to answer a question as to why I let that man slip into eternity without a warning.

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"EXAMPLE" OR "SUBSTITUTE"?

At the close of a service in Germantown, Pa., some time ago, a stranger accosted the late Dr. D. M. Stearns as follows: "I don't like your preaching the death of Christ on the cross. I think instead of preaching the death of Christ on the cross, it would be far better to preach Jesus, the teacher and example." "Would you then be willing to follow Him if I preach Christ, the Example?" replied Dr. Stearns. "I would," said the stranger. "I will follow in His steps." "Then," said Dr. Stearns, "let us take the first step. 'Who did no sin.' Can you take this step?" The stranger looked confused. "No," he said, "I do sin, and I acknowledge it." "Well, then," said Dr. Stearns, "your first need of Christ is not as an example, but as a Saviour." And this is every man's need. (See Rom. 3:23-26.)

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all." (Isa. 53:6.)

SPECIAL TEXTS FOR SPECIAL CASES

The following objections are among those most frequently met in dealing with the unsaved. The texts of Scripture indicated, as well as similar passages, may be used in such cases.

"Not today, or 'Some other time.'" 2 Cor. 6:2; Heb. 2:8; Heb. 3:15.

"Don't feel like it." John 3:3; Acts 4:12; Acts 17:30 and 31.

"A too great a sinner." Isa. 1:18; Matt. 9:13; 1 Tim. 1:15.

"A good enough now," or "A satisfied with my present experience." James 2:10; Rom. 6:23 John 3:3.

"Too many hypocrites in the church." Rom. 14:12; 2 Cor. 5:10.

"Couldn't hold out." 1 Cor. 10:13; Tim. 1:12; 1 Pet. 1:5; Jude 24.

In the actual work of soul-winning it is well to keep the following things in mind: Be constantly in the spirit of prayer. Approach the unsaved on common ground.

Use godly tact and wisdom. Never argue or lose self-control. Answer objections with Scripture if possible.

Avoid denominational differences. Don't try to force your own views.

With love in your heart, give the Word and the Spirit the full right of way.

Be in earnest. The salvation of an immortal soul is at stake. Those who were intimately acquainted with D. L. Moody say that he was the most desperately in earnest man they ever knew.

Press for and expect an immediate decision. It may be that soul's, or your, last last opportunity.

It is said that a minister once dreamed that he saw rows of beautiful diadems studded with precious jewels. "Is that big one for me?" said he, remembering that there had been many conversions in his church. "No, not for you," the angel said, "that one is for the poor old deaf man who used to sit by your pulpit stairs and plead with God for souls in the congregation while you preached to them."

(From "God's Plan for Soul-Winning.")

In addition to the leaflet "Suppose," the League prints and distributes several others, including "Prayer Daily Reminders," "God Answers Persevering Prayer," "The Good Black Doctor," "Packing Pork to Pay Expenses," and "The Colonel's Word Will Stand." These are mailed without charge to faithful distributors and the necessary funds are supplied by God's servants. Samples of all the League publications are gladly sent free upon request—Great Commission Prayer League, 808 N. La Salle St., Chicago, Ill., U.S.A.

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A DEDICATION

We present the above message by permission of the publishers. This tract came to our attention several years ago. The message greatly impressed us. We pass it along to you. It is dedicated to an increased effort in the Soul Winning Crusade.—Mc.

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YES IT IS!

Some one has said that knowledge is power. No one would dispute this. So much of the success of life is involved in what one knows. Uncle Sam is giving us a lesson in this right now, and has been for months, and will doubtless continue to do so, in the immense work of teaching our men in the military service the things they should know in order to make the best soldiers, sailors, marines, airmen. These young men are anxious to do, but Uncle Sam first teaches them what to do. Then, and then only, can there be perfect coordination between their doing and their knowing.

So, also, in running a Sunday school. We must know. It is great to want to do, but it is greater to know how to do what one wants to do. In fact, only as one knows will he be powerful, for then knowledge has become power.

The Sunday School Board is making many great contributions to the work of Southern Baptists, and also to Baptist work around the world. But one of the greatest contributions that Board is making is the part of teaching us how to do what we want to do. This is done not only through the regular Training Program of the study course books, but also to a very remarkable degree through the free literature that is always available. Millions of these leaflets go out every year merely for the asking; and no one can begin to estimate the good that has come from them. Yes, they are FREE leaflets, but how helpful they are. Every worker in the school can have something along this line for his work.

These leaflets are on the subjects of ENLARGEMENT, TRAINING, STANDARDS, TEACHERS' MEETINGS, RECORD SYSTEM, BIBLE STUDY, EVANGELISM, MISSIONS, CHURCH LIBRARY, HOME SERVICE, LEADERSHIP, ASSOCIATIONAL WORK, ARCHITECTURE.

Then, there are many free leaflets on the various department and class officers and their work. Almost every subject pertaining to the Sunday school is dealt with in these free leaflets. These may be secured at any time by simply requesting them.

PLEASE NOTE!

The book A CHURCH USING ITS SUNDAY SCHOOL has been put into the Diploma group, along with BUILDING A STANDARD SUNDAY SCHOOL and SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS AND THEIR WORK. This gives three optional books in the administration section of the Diploma Group. Therefore, all who have credit for A CHURCH USING ITS SUNDAY SCHOOL can count that as the necessary diploma credit on administration even if they have not studied BUILDING A STANDARD SUNDAY SCHOOL or SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS AND THEIR WORK.

The new Standard of Excellence wall charts and application blanks are now ready for distribution. Write us if you want one. These are made to conform to the new standards that began the first of January. Some changes have been made in the general school standard as well as in those of the de-

partments and classes. Get a new wall chart and also application blank for the 1943 recognition.

And remember, all schools that were standard in 1942, and that now meet all the ten points of the new standard, are ready to make application for the 1943 award. Do not delay this important part of the work of the new year.

The principal change in the general standard is that a school must now have an Extension department in order to be standard. This was not required heretofore.

DUE YOUR DIPLOMA?

Often when the diploma should be sent, it does not come. This is due entirely to an oversight of the fact that the credits for the diploma are sufficient for it, and is not at all intentional. Therefore, when you are due the diploma and do not get it, write us a card and we will gladly write the Nashville office about it. In handling tens of thousands of these awards every year, it is practically impossible for some errors not to creep in. These are always gladly and cheerfully corrected.

ASSOCIATIONAL MEETINGS

The 1943 associational Sunday school meetings will be held the week of January 25-29.

This will be the third year that these associational meetings have been held. This is in the Four Year Program that will conclude with the year 1944, and will bring us to the one hundredth anniversary of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1945.

At the 1942 associational meetings we asked each association to select the 1943 meeting place. Most of them did this. However, since the gas rationing is now in effect, and it seems most wise to have these meetings as centrally located as possible, we have changed a few meeting places from the ones that were selected by the group last year. In cases where this has been done, all will understand the reason for it. We want to make it as easy as we can for the very largest possible number of people to attend these meetings this year. Centrally located places will aid in this.

All meetings this year will be at night. The great majority of the associations voted last year to have night meetings this year. And since conditions are now as they are, and in order that more of the local people can attend, we are making all meetings this year night meetings.

The entire session will not be much more than two hours, so it is hoped that many of the Sunday school officers and teachers, as well as large numbers of others, will plan to attend. This is in order to get a good start for the work of the new year, and to help every school to do even better work than ever.

Pray for these meetings; tell your

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REV. BILLY STOGNER

REV. BILLY STOGNER ORDAINED

Rev. Billy Stogner, son of Mrs. Bertha Stogner and the late C. O. Stogner, was ordained into the full gospel ministry Saturday night, December 12, at the First Baptist Church, Tylertown. The ordination came after a request from the Thomas Baptist Church to which he has been recently called and accepted as pastor.

Under the direction of Rev. W. L. Sewell, pastor of the New Zion Church, the following pastors assisted in the service: Rev. N. F. Davis, Jr., clerk of presbytery who presented Rev. Stogner to the church for ordination; Rev. F. W. Gunn, who delivered the ordination sermon; Rev. E. R. Pinson, in charge of the song service; Rev. W. R. Cooper, who presented the Bible. All the ordained ministers and deacons took part in the laying on of hands.

The presbytery was composed of the above named ministers and Rev. P. S. Rogers of Tylertown and Rev. V. C. Walker of Mesa.

(Billy is the third young preacher to be ordained by New Zion Church in the past two years.)

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"Are you homesick?" her aunt asked a small girl, away for the first time overnight. "No," the child sobbed. "I'm here sick."—S. M. L. in Capper's Weekly.

people about them; plan to come; make plans for others to attend.

Remember, the week is January 25-29.

FIRST JUNIOR STANDARD

The first standard Junior Department for the new year is the one at Philadelphia, Miss Zula Walton, superintendent.

This is a regular habit of this department each year. Our heartiest congratulations to Miss Walton and her fine department.

MRS. GEORGE WILLIS HEROD
Sept. 18, 1874 — Nov. 22, 1942

Mrs. George Willis Herod was a native of Carroll county, the daughter of the late John Bradford Scott, and his wife, Mrs. Louisa Grantham Scott.

On January 15, 1899, she was married to George W. Herod. Having no children of their own, they gave a home to several nieces and nephews at different periods of time. They had made their home in the Hopewell community for the past thirty-four years.

Mrs. Herod was a woman of lovable, Christian character. She had been a member of the Baptist church since early girlhood. She was loyal in her attendance at church services and her duties in her home and in the community.

She was an invalid for many months, but bore her suffering with patience and Christian fortitude. It was fitting that her death should come at an early hour on God's own day.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Jas. W. McNutt of Valden, assisted by Rev. J. W. Eidson, of Kilmichael.

Besides her husband, she is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Goldie Brooks, Kilmichael; Mrs. Maude Tyler, Valden, and Mrs. Ada Harris, Carriere, Miss., and two brothers, L. B. Scott of New Orleans and B. H. Scott of Kilmichael.

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Plans for the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's 1943 Conference for Pastors and other Christian workers are being completed. The date is March 15 to 19, and the speakers include Dr. George A. Buttrick of New York City, author of "Prayer" and other best selling religious books; Dr. Charles W. Daniel, beloved pastor of many Southern churches through the years and now at El Dorado, Arkansas, and President Ellis A. Fuller. Dr. Buttrick will bring the Mullins Foundation lectures in the mornings, Dr. Fuller will conduct afternoon conferences, and Dr. Daniel will preach at night.

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SOME REASONS WHY I BELIEVE IN EVANGELISM

Chester M. Savage, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Union, Miss.

This world has many needs, but the one outstanding need is to be won to a personal trust in Jesus Christ. All other needs fade away in comparison to this one. To be concerned about a soul's salvation means to place emphasis on the most important thing in life. It is putting first things first.

I mention some of the reasons why I believe in evangelism:

First, because of the condition of this world. One's heart grieves as he looks the facts in the face and is made to cry out with the prophet of old, "How long, O Lord, how long?" Sin rules the day. Satan is not asleep. Millions are lost. They are lost now. They are "condemned already." They are going to hell if they don't turn to Christ, the only Deliverer from sin. For us to be unconcerned is a crime. If we do not warn them, their blood will be on our hands. World conditions should call to the front all the evangelistic fervor of our souls.

The second reason I mention why I believe in evangelism is it is the only remedy. Christ is the only hope of lost men. The evangelistic note from a hot heart is the way to reach men in this hell-bound world. Everything else has failed. Everything else will fail. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the one and only hope. Jesus stands ready, willing, able, mighty to save when the sinner comes to Him. But His word to us is "Go." It is the business of every Christian to win men to Christ. Indeed, it is the Christian's supreme quest.

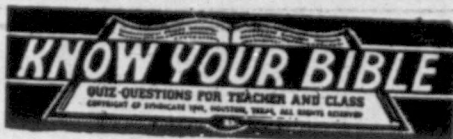
The third reason I mention is Jesus set the example of evangelism. Jesus in this did as He did in other things—set the glorious example. He was the world's greatest evangelist. He said, "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you." What was it the Father sent Him to do? Happily, Jesus tells us, "I came to seek and to save that which was lost." From personal experience we know the difference between being lost and saved. We are now Christians. That means to be like Jesus. A true Christian will seek to win the lost. Christ inspires His followers to win souls.

The fourth reason why I believe in evangelism is Jesus commanded it, and here we could rest our case. It is not left to our individual likings, but it is a positive command from our blessed Lord. "Even so send I you." The Great Commission settles the question for all time. It is the will of God. It is His plan. It is His method of winning men to Christ. It is my conviction that the lost in Mississippi are lost 365 days a year just the same as they are lost during a revival meeting. It is our business to carry the Gospel of Christ to the last man. Oh, for a blaze of evangelism across Mississippi. Our Soul-winning Crusade will honor Christ, will strengthen our churches, will make Mississippi a better state, will stir us in our efforts to tell the story of a crucified Savior. May each and all go into the business of winning the lost as never before, remembering the words of Jesus, "I must

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1. We often hear the phrase "as old as Methuselah." If, asked how old in years, could you answer it?
2. A description of the many people who profess to be religious, is found in the Bible. Where is this fitting verse found?
3. There is a line in the Bible we can all use when congratulating, or wishing good luck to anyone. Can you quote it?
4. Were the four Gospels always called, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John? No. They were originally called "The Gospel." See below: (Correct answer on Page 15)

CRYSTAL SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

Crystal Springs, Miss., December 26, 1942

RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, Mr. J. B. Robinson has been one of the most active and valuable laymen of the Crystal Springs Baptist Church in recent years; and

Whereas, he has recently been called to another field of work; and

Whereas, his work as Financial Secretary and Church Clerk has been carried on in an unusually efficient manner; and

Whereas, this work has required special ability, effort, and time for which he repeatedly refused pay, stating that he derived genuine pleasure in doing the work for his Church and Lord; and

Whereas, much of the work done by Mr. Robinson has been done on the time and by the use of the facilities of his employer, Mr. R. B. Taylor, by the gracious consent of Mr. Taylor; therefore,

RESOLVED, That this Church extend to Mr. J. B. Robinson due recognition and thanks for the valuable Christian service that he has rendered.

RESOLVED, That this Church is very sorry that it has become necessary for Mr. Robinson to discontinue active work and fellowship in the Crystal Springs Baptist Church, to become effective in the near future.

RESOLVED, That he has the earnest prayers and good wishes of the members of this Church in his new work as Office Manager of The Baptist Record.

RESOLVED, That Mississippi Baptists are indeed fortunate in securing Mr. Robinson for this important work.

RESOLVED, That this Church extend to Mr. R. B. Taylor due recognition and thanks for his Christian generosity and pleasure in permitting the use of his facilities in the carrying on of the work of Mr. Robinson, and also the use of his typewriter in cutting stencils for the Baptist Courier. (weekly bulletin of our church.)

RESOLVED, That this Church extend to Mr. Taylor due recognition and thanks for his generosity and willingness in allowing Mr. Robinson to do a large part of his church work on company time paid for by Mr. Taylor.

Respectfully submitted,
CRYSTAL SPRINGS BAPTIST
CHURCH.

Resolutions Committee: J. T. Biggs, Jr., chairman; J. L. Bankhead, R. P. Slay.

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Dr. J. B. Gambrell gave the world a bit of valuable advice when he admonished, "Don't worry about the things you can help; fix 'em. And don't worry about what you cannot help; leave it alone."

work the works of Him that sent me while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work."



REV. ROBERT S. CRAWFORD

VAN WINKLE CHURCH CALLS REV. ROBERT S. CRAWFORD

Rev. Robert S. Crawford, who has been assistant pastor at Van Winkle church since 1940, was recently called by the church to become its pastor. He succeeds Dr. Chas. L. McKay who recently resigned to accept the pastorate at Flora.

The new pastor at Van Winkle is a native of Alabama, and was reared in Alexander City. He has completed two years' work at Baptist Bible Institute in Christian Training, majoring in music, and is now a senior at Mississippi College.

Mrs. Crawford, who is the former Miss Claudia Hill, attended Hillman College and is a graduate of Baptist Bible Institute and Soule College of New Orleans. She is a native of Ravenel, S. C.

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TESTIMONIES ON THE EVIL EFFECTS OF THE CIGARETTE

The testimonies of prominent people who do not smoke show many reasons for not using tobacco. The late Dan Beard of Boy Scout fame said:

"The boy who reaches the high position in the social or business world is the deep-chested, broad-shouldered, ruddy-cheeked vigorous youth who keeps his temple clean so that the light within him can shine and give confidence to everyone he meets."

Madame Schumann-Heink:

"I want you to know that I have never smoked, and I never will, I think, and I say it with all my heart, that it is a crime that you girls are poisoning your young bodies by smoking cigarettes."

Coach Alonzo Stagg, of the University of Chicago:

"From personal observation with athletes who have been addicted to the use of tobacco, I can speak with confidence that they do not possess the endurance of athletes who have grown up free from the use of it."

Former Heavyweight Champion Gene Tunney:

"As director of the navy's physical fitness program, I can bluntly say that few things could be worse for physical fitness than promoting the cigarette habit. Sentimentalists will object: 'Why deprive the boys of the innocent pleasure of tobacco?' My reply is: 'Should our citizen army be less rigidly conditioned than a college football team?'"—Columbus Avenue Baptist.

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25 YEARS AGO

The Baptist Book Store will be closed on February 1, on account of the business manager having entered the army.

Rev. J. A. Chapman has resigned at Meadville and Bude and expresses his purpose to preach to country churches.

The church at Vaiden has called Rev. A. D. Muse and he will give them the first Sunday each month while attending Mississippi College.

The First Baptist church of Vicksburg has called Rev. J. C. Greenoe of Louisville, Ky., and he will soon be on the ground.

"On the March With the Master" is the name of a booklet issued quarterly by the Sunday School Board, for the soldiers, to be distributed among them without charge. It contains a message from President Wilson, and from Gen. Pershing, a list of the lessons, Chaplain's certificate, general orders and a calendar.

Rev. W. A. Hewitt comes to the First Church, Jackson. In his six years in the Texas pastorate in Dallas he received almost 1,500 members, of whom hundreds were baptized. It was painful to him and to them to sever the ties there.

We deeply sympathize with the Baptists of Forest and Crystal Springs in their losses by fire recently. The Forest church was entirely consumed, being only partially covered by insurance. The interior at Crystal Springs was seriously damaged. The fire was discovered as the pastor was announcing his text Sunday morning.

Misses Cornelia Brower and Agnes Graham of Temuco, Chile, have returned to North America for a period of rest after a very strenuous term of service.

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Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Tumblin, of Natal, North Brazil, have recently arrived in Newport News, Virginia.



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AN ANNOUNCEMENT AND AN APPEAL TO SOUTHERN BAPTISTS

1. The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention respectfully and gratefully announces that the old debt of approximately \$6,500,000 happily has been reduced to about \$1,200,000 (Jan. 1, 1943). Thanks to our agencies, churches, and people.

2. We express the profound conviction that a united, determined effort should be made at once to pay the rest of this debt to stop interest, strengthen the Co-operative Program and get ready for a mid-war and a post-war world program.

3. We note that with 100,000 memberships in the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club, or the equivalent thereof, we can be entirely debt-free in '43. We, therefore, recommend that each church try to secure at least one Club membership or the equivalent thereof for each twenty-five church members.

4. We urge all churches and organizations to observe February 14 or the nearest convenient Sunday as Debtless Denomination Day and upon that day to present in every service the cause of a Debtless Denomination in 1943 and take subscriptions or Club memberships and a cash offering for this purpose.

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NEW YEAR GREETINGS

To the 70 Associational Directors, 700 Training Union Directors, 2,000 Leaders and sponsors of Junior and Intermediate Unions and Story Hours, 22,000 officers of individual unions, and 45,000 members of unions we extend New Year Greetings. The year presents itself as a clean sheet upon which each one of us is to write. Just what we shall write will determine what the year shall mean to us. It can be in the form of resolutions, aims, goals, plans, objectives. It should be a program of ideals. This is true if the thought is for your individual life, or for the union of which you are a part. If you are a leader your challenge is to be the very best leader possible. Every one can improve. Do you want to? Write it in the New Year book and keep the book open to remind you of your pledge! God will walk with you to success if you are going HIS WAY.

70 ASSOCIATIONAL MEETINGS

No less than seventy Associational Training Union meetings should be held this month. That is just one for each association. The general plan is a monthly meeting for each Association. Those Associations who are having the monthly meetings are reporting enthusiastic progress in the work. Our people need now, more than at other times, the spiritual help that comes from our general meetings. In planning your programs try to make them spiritual. Spiritual enthusiasm is a contagious quantity. The Magazine offers helpful suggestions each month. Follow the Theme.

OUR 1943 CALENDAR

Will you follow through with us this year? Each month is a special month for Training Union statewide. Your cooperation in each activity will not only help your State Secretary promote a successful program, but will assure success for your individual union:

January, February, March, special study courses in Soul Winning books preparatory for the Spring Revival.

March — Annual Study Course Month. Officers elected for new term.

April—Youth Week. New six months term begins.

May—Christian Home Week. Associational Elimination Contests.

June—District Training Union Convention.

July—Ridgecrest Assembly. Special Summer work with volunteer workers begins.

August—Special Summer work with volunteer workers continued.

September — Fall Study Course

Month. Officers elected for new term.

October—Associational Rallies October 25-29. New six months term begins.

November—State Training Union Convention 25-26.

December — Christmas Specials. Watch Night.



MR. JOE DAVIS HEACOCK

Southwide Associational B.T.U. Director

We are glad to welcome Mr. Joe Davis Heacock into our Southwide group of Training Union Workers. Mr. Heacock succeeds Mr. Quarles as Director of Associational Training Union Work. He is well qualified for this place, having been an active worker in Training Union since a boy. For the last six years he has served successfully as the Educational Director of the Olivet Baptist Church, Oklahoma City. Quoting Mr. Westmoreland, State Training Union Secretary of Oklahoma, "He is the best Educational Director I have ever known." We pledge Mr. Heacock our wholehearted cooperation and look forward to having him in our state, the often, the better.

Mr. Joe Roberts of Leakesville succeeds Rev. Aubrey Smith as Associational Training Union Director for Greene County. He has not given us his plans for the year, but Greene County Training Unions will cooperate with him in whatever plans he

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VETERAN MISSIONARY CALLED HOME

(Foreign Mission Board)

With the passing of Mrs. W. B. Bagby in Pernambuco, Brazil, December 24, 1942, Southern Baptists mourn one of their most faithful pioneers in missionary service. Anne Luther Bagby was born in Kansas City, Missouri in 1859 (March 20th). She graduated from Lexington Female College in her native state, but went to Texas where she became a teacher in Baylor College. She was,

CHESTER M. SAVAGE BEGINS HELPFUL PROGRAM AT UNION

Brother Savage, recently coming to Union as pastor, has already begun a promotional program in his Training Union. His interest in the Young People led him to accept the place of Counselor for this union, and in a few weeks the attendance jumped 400 per cent. There was something going on and the young people found it out, and as always, wanted to be a part of the activity. Not only is the Training Union growing in interest, but all departments of the church. Each Sunday morning Bro. Savage brings a five minute Children's Sermon using object lessons. Just dressing up old truths in a new dress to keep pace with the times. Congratulations, young people of Union.

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however, interested in the investment of her life in missionary endeavor, so after her marriage to William B. Bagby in October 1880, it was only the culmination of a dream when she sailed with her husband two months later (December) for Brazil. There she spent the major part of her useful life. It was not an easy task when the young missionary couple arrived in Rio de Janeiro but they were willing to bear persecution and to expend any amount of energy for the cause to which they had dedicated their lives. Hence the blessing with which the Lord attended their efforts and the progress which was made in Rio de Janeiro were not surprising. Mr. and Mrs. Bagby became leaders in the educational work in San Paulo. Then the pioneer spirit still prevailed, when in the later years Dr. and Mrs. Bagby led in establishing the mission station at Porto Alegre. The spirit of the woman is evident in the fact that all five of her children followed in her train as missionaries: T. C. Albert, Mrs. W. C. (Helen) Harrison, Mrs. Harley S. (Alice) Smith, and Mrs. S. M. Sowell (deceased). Dr. Bagby died August 5th, 1939.

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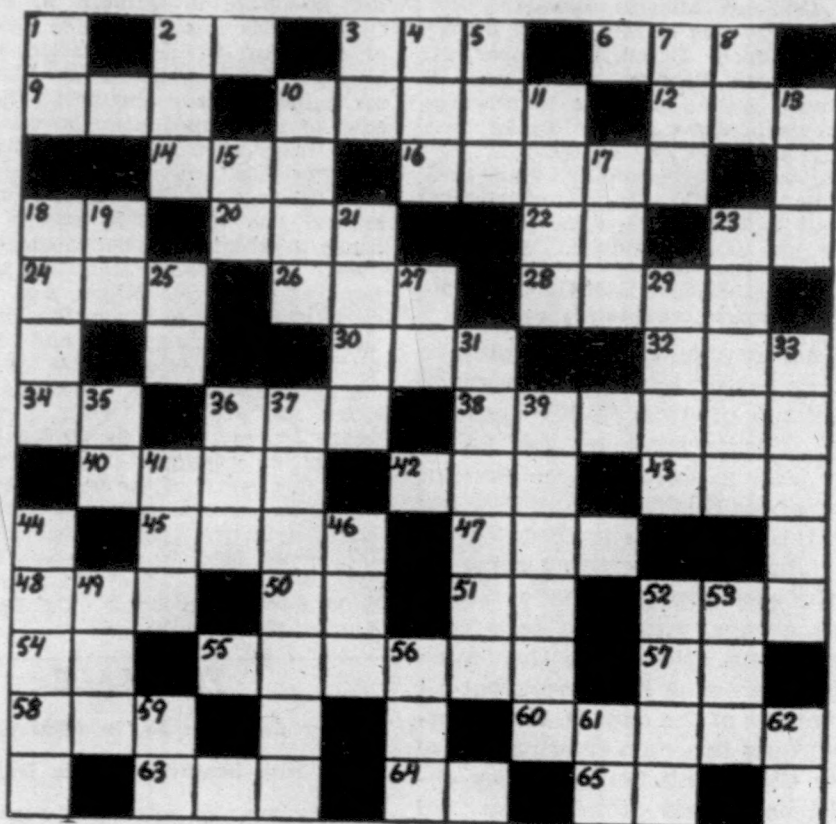
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HORIZONTAL

- 1 "... came forth from the Father," John 16:28
- 2 "Before Abraham was, I..." John 8:58
- 3 "All things that... Father hath are mine," John 16:15
- 4 "go thy... into thine house," Mark 2:11
- 5 "ye neither know me,... my Father" John 8:19
- 6 "Whose arrows are... and all their bows bent" Isa. 5:28
- 7 "A time to rend, and a time to..." Eccl. 3:7
- 8 "for thou lovedst me before... foundation of the world" John 17:24
- 9 "Every one that is of thee... heareth my voice" John 18:37
- 10 "... are one" John 17:22
- 11 "To thee... thou sluggard" Prov. 6:6
- 12 "and... I am with you alway" Matt. 28:20
- 13 Sunday School
- 14 "I... my Father are one" John 10:30
- 15 "That all men should honour... Son, even as they honour... Father" John 5:23
- 16 "So hath he given to the Son to have... in himself" John 5:26
- 17 Nineteenth letter of the alphabet
- 18 To soak flax
- 19 "and... man knoweth the Son, but the Father" Matt. 11:27
- 20 "... according to his works," Mat. 16:27
- 21 "he that... to me shall never hunger" John 6:35
- 22 "Hereafter ye shall see heaven... and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man" John 1:51
- 23 "I have meat to... that ye know not of" John 4:32
- 24 Son of Benjamin Gen. 46:21

- 25 "For I have given... them the words which thou gavest me" John 17:8
- 26 "For... Father himself loveth you, because you have loved me" John 16:27
- 27 To be ill
- 28 Expeditionary force
- 29 "If any man will do his will,... shall know of the doctrine" John 7:17
- 30 "and... them about thy neck" Prov. 6:21
- 31 ... of the Chaldees Gen. 11:28
- 32 "Believe me that I am in the... and the... in me" John 14:11
- 33 Part of a day
- 34 "Hereafter shall the Son of man... on the right hand of the power of God" Luke 22:69
- 35 "I that... unto thee am he" John 4:26
- 36 "... I know him: for I am from him, and he hath sent me" John 7:29
- 37 "some seeds fell... the way side" Matt. 13:4
- 38 "All power is given unto... in heaven and in earth" Matt. 28:18
- 39 Our text is 1, 2, 3, 6, 14, 16, 24, 26, 28, 34, 36, 38, 45, 47, 55, 63, 64 and 65 combined

VERTICAL

- 1 "ye believe... God believe also in me" John 14:1
- 2 "as thou, Father,... in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us" John 17:21
- 3 Thomas; thorium
- 4 Head covering
- 5 "Ye do... not knowing the scriptures" Matt. 22:29
- 6 "he planteth an..." Isa. 44:14
- 7 "... both know me, and... know whence I am" John 7:28
- 8 "And he that... me is with me" John 8:29
- 9 "Let me... out the mote out of thine eye" Matt. 7:4
- 10 "with the glory which I had with thee before the world..." John 17:5
- 11 "He saith among the trumpets,... Job 39:25
- 12 "King Hamath II Sam. 8:9
- 13 "I ceased not to... every one night and day with tears" Acts 20:31
- 14 Half an em
- 15 "... shall ye know that I am he" John 8:28
- 16 "And he that... me... him that sent me" John 12:45
- 17 "for I... always those things that please him" John 8:29
- 18 Plural ending of nouns
- 19 "Then are the children..." Matt. 17:26
- 20 Harm
- 21 "And all mine are... and... are mine," John 17:10
- 22 Yellow bird
- 23 "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before..." Matt. 10:32

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A. S. Hale, First, Jefferson City, Tenn.
T. T. Hall, Byrdstown, Tenn.
George Hall, Oakland Ave., Decatur, Ill.
Charles Heine, Southside, Baton Rouge, La.
James H. Heisner, Seligman, Mo.
J. D. Herndon, Horse Cave, Ky.
Kenneth E. Hiner, West University, Houston, Tex.
Rufus D. Hodges, First, Statesboro, Ga.
Eugene Howard, First, Williamston, S. C.
Garland Howard, Crestwood, Oklahoma City, Okla.
J. A. Hudson, Chaplain, U. S. Army.

RESIGNED

- A. W. Lane, Goodwater, Ala.
M. A. Lanson, East Queen St., Tyler, Tex.
T. W. Leachman, Marion, La.
James Lee Lewis, First, Mason City, Iowa.
Amos Ledbetter, Sulphur Springs, Ala.
Edward Lee, Warrior, Ala.
E. R. Link, Dixon, Okla.
Thedford Lively, Mt. Pisgah, Blossburg, Ala.
H. W. Long, Emmanuel, Greenville, S. C.
W. A. Loudermilk, East Side, Liberty, S. C.
H. A. Low, Billings, Okla.
W. E. Lowe, Davidson, Okla.
J. H. McClain, Calvary, Brownwood, Tex.
Roy R. McCullough, Clayton, N. C.
C. E. McDaniel, Garden City, Savannah, Ga.

BETTY FAYE BROWNING

Little Betty Faye Browning, aged 3, died at the Columbus Hospital on December 21. She was buried at Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

She is survived by four sisters: Opal, Billy, Willett, and Shirley; two brothers, Charles and Owen, and her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. William Browning.

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Two hundred and fifty-two students, or 49 per cent of the total enrollment of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, hold regular pastorates in ten states.

- 37 A preceding act
- 38 "or did... tell it thee of me" John 18:34
- 39 King of Assyria II Kings 15:19
- 40 "for this... came I into the world" John 18:37
- 41 "this do ye, as... as ye drink it, in remembrance of me" I Cor. 11:25
- 42 Son of Bela, son of Benjamin I Chron. 7:7
- 43 "And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to..." John 17:11
- 44 Assyrian war god
- 45 Hebrews
- 46 Herbium
- 47 Afternoon
- 48 Southern State

What Causes Epilepsy?

A booklet containing the opinions of famous doctors on this interesting subject will be sent FREE, while they last, to any reader writing to the Educational Division, 535 Fifth Avenue, Dept. JL-11, New York, N. Y.

WIGGINS BAPTIST CHURCH MOVES FORWARD

A few years ago the Wiggins Baptist Church decided to set aside all fifth Sunday offerings as a building fund in the hope of launching a building program later. In April of 1941, the church voted to put on a campaign for raising funds, in addition to the fifth Sunday plan, in order to hasten the building program. The results enabled the church to begin actual work on one unit of the new building about July 1, 1941. By prayer and faith, hard work and liberal giving, we were able to finish the Sunday School building by early fall of the same year. By this time our funds were exhausted, but the faith of the people was much stronger. We did not stop for lack of funds, but proceeded to demolish the old building and begin work on the main auditorium. During the time of the erection of the new building the church has kept up its gifts to the Cooperative program and to many other free-will offerings. Now, the building is practically completed, only a few finishing touches to be done, and it is all paid for. The construction of the building has been done by, and under the supervision of two faithful and consecrated deacons. It is a beautiful and convenient building with twenty-one rooms in addition to the main auditorium and balcony. The new building is a monument to the members of the church, and a credit to the entire community. Later, we shall furnish our Record readers a brief history of the church, a picture of the building, and an announcement of the dedicatory services.

The church adopted its budget for the ensuing year with a considerable increase over the year 1942. The Every Family Plan for the Baptist Record was adopted. This was done at the request of the budget committee, and not at the request, or even the suggestion of the pastor, but very much to his joyful approval. The Holy Spirit led the committee and church to adopt this plan.

Not only did the church increase its budget and adopt the Every Family Plan for the Record, but very graciously voted a nice increase in the pastor's salary. For this, and many other kind favors shown the pastor and his family, we are indebted and grateful to the Lord and this good church. The people have endeared themselves to us in these troublesome times. We have been with this church ten years, and now, we love them more than ever, and are rejoicing in the fact that it is a mutual love. All glory and praise to our God from whom all blessings flow. May we all have a closer walk with Him and may He lead us on in His great service.

Prayerfully and gratefully,
N. J. LEE.

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The circulation of "The Word and Way," Missouri Baptist paper, has increased to 10,000 during the past year, and the goal for next year is 15,000. Joseph E. Brown is editor.

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MARGARET RHODES REDDEN

Miss Margaret Rhodes Redden, of Pace, Miss., is only seven years old, but she has not been absent from or tardy at Sunday school for three years. She has recently received the pin and two bars in recognition of this fine record.

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Dr. Kyle M. Yates, for twenty years teacher of Hebrew and Old Testament Interpretation at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and now pastor of the Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville, is author of a new book: "Preaching from the Prophets," released by the Broadman Press. In the 225-page publication, Dr. Yates gives intimate glimpses into the political, social and religious backgrounds of each of eighteen Old Testament prophets. He discusses also the literary qualities of each of their writings and the spiritual teachings therein. The author used his own translation of the scriptures. The price is \$2.00 and the book may be ordered from the Baptist Book Store.

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Up to December 20, Southern Baptists have contributed well over \$440,000.00 for relief work during the year 1942. Also an additional \$15,000.00 has been given, through Dr. Louie D. Newton of Atlanta, for providing Bibles for destitute Russians, thus ministering to the spiritual needs of people with the Bread of Life, along with their physical necessities. It is encouraging to realize with what fortitude our people are facing the fact that we shall have to keep our hearts atune to a hungry world as the terrible war continues to make thousands homeless and helpless.

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In his "Merry-Go-Round" column of a few days ago Mr. Drew Pearson wrote: "Liquor consumption has increased steadily since repeal of prohibition in 1933. From the 1934 figure of 58,000,000, it has shot up to 158,000,000 in 1941." This brands as a falsehood the standard argument of the wets that there was more liquor consumed during the prohibition era than before or since.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE

	S.S.	B.T.U.
Cross Roads (Webster)	67	
Enon (Panola)	51	42
New Fellowship (Jasper)	52	
Crystal Springs	312	112
Wallerville	69	31
Kreole	96	31
Calvary, Jackson	938	227
New Albany First	373	101
State Line	106	64
Bethlehem (Jones)	63	55
Ellison Ridge	128	40
Shelton	48	42
Brookhaven	468	129
Griffith Memorial, Jackson	664	324
Bear Creek (Attala)	85	

Answers To Know Your Bible

FEATURE ON PAGE ELEVEN

1. (Methuselah): He was nine hundred and sixty years old. See Genesis 5-27.
2. (Congratulatory line): See Third John, Verse 2. Jot it down for future reference.
3. (Professed religion): Read James, Chapter I, Verse 26.
4. (The four Gospels): They were all bound together, under the single title "The Gospel." Each one, however, carried its special heading, according to Matthew, etc. These headlines were not included by the original writers, but were added about the middle of the second century.

FINDING GOD

I wandered over hill and vale to find my God. I know that all nature is resplendent with His glory. I know, too, that He was there but to me, He was not there.

I looked through crowded city streets to see if God was there. And I know that He was there but to me, He was not there.

I climbed to the lofty mountain top. Some say that that is where one may find God. Yes, I know that He was there but to me, He was not there.

Then I remembered that the heavens declare the glory of God and that the firmament shows His handiwork. The moon, the stars, the beauty of the night—surely one could not fail to find God there. I know that He was there but to me, He was not there.

Is this not very strange? I know that God is everywhere—I could not find Him anywhere.

But in the watches of the night there came such a peace as I had never known. This, too, was very strange. I had searched for my God all day and was without Him still. And then a still small voice whispered, "Were you looking for me? I am here!"

And then I found Him. I found Him in my heart.

Again I wandered over hill and vale to find my God and I found Him there. I looked through crowded city streets and found Him there. I climbed to the lofty mountain top and found Him there. I saw the radiant moon and stars and found Him there. I found Him, found Him everywhere when I found Him in my heart.

—ROBERT C. GILMORE.

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Baptist Bible Institute activities for the past quarter include the following: assignments 2168; sermons and talks 2106; number dealt with personally 3840; conversions 665; additions to churches 773; homes visited 4105; number attending services 78,533; gospels and tracts distributed 19,847.

Kidneys Must Clean Out Acids

Excess acids, poisons and wastes in your blood are removed chiefly by your kidneys. Getting up Nights, Burning Passages, Backache, Swollen Ankles, Nervousness, Rheumatic Pains, Dizziness, Circles Under Eyes, and feeling worn out, often are caused by non-organic and non-systemic Kidney and Bladder troubles. Usually in such cases, the very first dose of Cystex goes right to work helping the Kidneys flush out excess acids and wastes. And this cleansing, purifying Kidney action, in just a day or so, may easily make you feel younger, stronger and better than in years. An iron clad guarantee insures an immediate refund of the full cost unless you are completely satisfied. You have everything to gain and nothing to lose under this positive money back guarantee so get Cystex from your druggist today for only 35c.

Chaplain John Shade Franklin reports that he recently baptized two men in a local river on a South Pacific island. The non-Baptists who attended were deeply impressed. They said that the scene was just like pictures they had looked at of the Jordan River and that the way Baptists baptize was much more meaningful and impressive than sprinkling. Yet the ordinance of baptism properly administered is itself a faithful witness to the Gospel of Christ.—Watchman-Examiner.

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Jerry: "What is raised in countries that have wet climates?"—Howard: "Umbrellas."

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Notification was received a few days ago from the Baptist Sunday School Board, Dr. E. P. Alldredge, statistical secretary, that the minutes of the Tallahatchie County Association, Rev. J. H. Pennebaker, Clerk, had been awarded \$25 for being the best in compilation, arrangement, and printing in the state. The grade given was 99.48. Second prize of \$15 went to the Yalobusha County Association, Mr. T. T. Gooch, clerk, with a grade of 99.39. This is the second time in three years that the minutes of Tallahatchie County have received first prize.

There were twelve additions at First Baptist Church, New Albany, last Sunday.

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Beginning January 1, 1943, the subscription rate to The Baptist Record for widows is \$1.00 per year.

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December gifts of the Durant Church for all purposes were 21 per cent ahead of the same month last year. Forty-five new members were welcomed during the calendar year.

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Jackson, Mississippi

Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Hight C. Moore

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Lesson 2

JESUS INSTRUCTS A GREAT

TEACHER

John 3:1-16

The first public appearance of Jesus in Jerusalem during Passover, which was A.D. 27 (Ussher) or April 11-17, A.D. 32 (Savage) must have made a wide and deep impression for it reached through the masses into the Sanhedrin winning even there a secret disciple of the Messiah in Nicodemus who had a memorable night interview with Jesus.

LESSON TEXT AND OUTLINE

John 3:1-16

I. THE INQUIRER: A GREAT TEACHER

1 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: 2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

II. THE INTERVIEW: A GREAT THEME

3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

9 Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be?

10 Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?

11 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testimony that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.

12 If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?

13 And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.

14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:

15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

III. THE INSTRUCTION: A GREAT TRUTH

16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Notes Analytical and Expository

1. **LIGHT FROM GOD THE SON** was shed upon the inquirer, Nicodemus, who was the earliest and most remarkable of the Sanhedrists to accept Jesus. In belief he was a man of the Pharisees who formed the most orthodox and influential of the Jewish sects. He was a member of the highest religious court of the Jews, and was very probably one of the chief men of the religious world in Jerusalem. It is said that he was quite wealthy and was now advanced in years.

2. **LIFE FROM GOD THE SPIRIT** was asserted in the interview which stressed the new birth as basal in the teaching of Jesus. It has been inferred that Nicodemus, from his use of the plural "we know," came to Jesus as representative of others in the Sanhedrin. It is probable that the interview took place at the house and in the presence of John, who preserved for our sole account of it. The guest chamber on the roof was reached by a stairway leading up from

the outside of the building; hence it was not necessary for Nicodemus even to pass through the house. His visit to Jesus on that gusty spring night was absolutely private. Note three things:

1. **The theme was regeneration.** The greeting of Nicodemus put him in the attitude of a learner, ready for whatever instruction Jesus might give. "Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him." With the way thus open for his teaching, Jesus in response laid bare the fundamental fact in true religion: "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." The necessity of the new birth presses upon this aged theologian with no less force than upon the vicious and the lowly.

(2) **The meaning was spirituality.** The inwardness of religion was covered over with dense externalism, and it was commonly held that the formal Jew would without change of heart be admitted as a worthy subject of the messianic reign. But at one stroke Jesus shears away all externalism and demands a new birth. Nicodemus is startled and, in his question, blunders toward the truth over a physical impossibility: "How can a man be born when he is old?" In reply Jesus repeats his former assertion, adding a few words as to the nature of the new birth: "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." Whatever may be the reference of "water" here, the teaching of the passage is that the new birth is spiritual. Between the physical and spiritual our Lord draws the contrast: "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." And why should there be marvel at this? The whispering winds of that April night illustrated it; they were invisible to human eye and impossible of construction by human force, and yet by their effects they were clearly perceivable. "So is every one that is born of the Spirit."

(3) **The method was faith.** In some measure, at least, Nicodemus now understood what was necessary, but the method of attaining unto it was still incomprehensible to him. "How can these things be?" The reply of Jesus opens with a mild reproach: "At thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?" Acquaintance with the Old Testament should have taught him the necessity of the new heart in order to the new life. Jesus adds that his teaching is of personal knowledge although the nation as represented by Nicodemus receives it not. And if they reject things which are earthly and verifiable, how should they believe if he should tell them of heavenly things? Here is room and demand for faith, and it is a faith in him who came down from heaven. To him alone can we look, for "No man hath ascended up to heaven" to bring back to us its revelations. The most famous and best illustration of the needed faith was found in the wilderness experience of Israel. The viper-bitten Hebrew looked believingly to the brazen serpent unlifted by Moses and was healed; so the envenomed soul today looks by faith to the crucified Lord and he is saved.

3. **LOVE FROM GOD THE FATHER** was revealed as the source and substance of the gospel. Did it not overwhelm the sacred penman as he glimpsed the cross of Christ. The closing words of Jesus to Nicodemus threw light backward upon the wilderness and forward upon Calvary. So John gives us the Golden Text, not alone of our lesson, but of the entire Bible. No more precious or pregnant words are to be found in all the pages of Holy Scripture. They have been thus outlined: "God" — the greatest lover "so loved" — the greatest degree; "the world" — the greatest company; "that he gave" — the greatest act; "his only begotten Son" — the greatest gift; "that whosoever" — the greatest opportunity; "believeth" — the greatest simplicity; "in him" — the greatest attraction; "should not perish" — the greatest promise; "but" — the greatest difference; "have" — the greatest certainty; "everlasting life" — the greatest possession.

Gold in the Golden Text

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16.

The grace of God shines in his incomparable love. It is divine love. It



Blue Mountain, Miss., Dec. 15—Miss Clara Etta Berry (left), and M. P. L. Berry (right), daughter and son of "Mother" Berry of Blue Mountain. The picture was taken on the occasion of unveiling "Mother" Berry's portrait in the Mississippi Hall of Fame.

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Ludlow: The tide is continuously rising in the work here. All departments of the different organizations of the church are increasing. Both a nice box and offering have been sent to the Baptist Orphanage. A splendid Lottie Moon offering was made by the W. M. U. Preceding the week of prayer, Miss Camille Shirley taught "If Two Agree." There was a record attendance. We are glad to announce our pastor is speedily recovering from a serious operation he has recently undergone. Plans are being made for a better work another year. This is an E. F. church. The Lord be praised for the work we have done!—Reporter.

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VITAL PROBLEMS IN CHRISTIAN LIVING by Dr. J. M. Price is a recent B.T.U. study course book that sells for 60c cloth and 40c paper. Any Christian reading this book should be a better Christian. The author discusses Religious Nurture, Physical Health, Mental Soundness, Moral Purity, Vocational Choice, Educational Growth, Domestic Interest and Social Obligation.

is supreme love. It is unmerited love. The gift of God is unexampled and infinite. He gave his only begotten Son for the lost world which would crown its wickedness with his crucifixion.

The goodness of God appears not only in the way of salvation, but in its simplicity and availability. "Whosoever believeth."

The glory of God culminates in the eternal life of believers both on earth and in heaven.

Daily Readings

Jan. 4—The Birth from Above. John 3:1-13.

Jan. 5—The Faith That Saves. John 3:14-18.

Jan. 6—Life for a Look. Numbers 21:4-9.

Jan. 7—Begotten of God. John 5:1-5.

Jan. 8—The End of Faith. 1 Peter 1:3-9.

Jan. 9—Love Redeeming and Reconciling. 2 Corinthians 5:14-21.

Jan. 10—"Learn of Me." Matthew 11:25-30.

Department Titles

Beginner, Matthew's Company. Primary, Nicodemus' Friendly Teacher.

Junior, Two Friendly Teachers. Intermediate, Learning from Jesus. Young People and Adults, What Jesus Taught Nicodemus.

WHEELS, ROLLING AND RUMBLING

By Fred R. Langley

"Keep 'Em Flying" has been a slogan often heard since our war program has gotten underway. Another slogan not heard so often but as vital to our national welfare just now is, "Keep 'Em Rolling."

To "Keep 'Em Rolling" we must have wheels on our rolling stock and many of these wheels must have tires. Our transportation system has the largest moving problem right now in the world's history. Every one from Coordinator Joseph B. Eastman of the Office of Defense Transportation (O.D.T.) to the railroad engineer and the bus driver is doing his job well, considering the many handicaps placed on them by our all-out national war effort.

Some interesting figures have been recently released by the O.D.T. giving us some idea of the problems that we are facing in transportation for the duration. These figures reveal 27,000,000 autos, 6,000,000 trucks, 150,000 busses and 50,000 taxi-cabs. All of these are rolling on rubber and there is precious little rubber for replacement of some 35,000 tire trucks and busses alone are wearing out daily.

There are also the extra burdens of transportation placed on the railroad like the moving of approximately 1,000,000 troops monthly. Another big problem is that of getting oil and gasoline to the East by rail, because of the U-boat sinkings of oil tankers.

The Office of Defense Transportation estimates that if every street car and bus in America were loaded to capacity day and night they still could not take care of a fractional part of the necessary travel that our 62,000,000 workers will require during the New Year. Facing these facts, the regulations and restrictions placed on us seem reasonable, such as a 35 mile per hour speed limit and gasoline rationed in small quantities. Therefore, let's help keep every wheel in America rolling, rolling to Victory, rolling and rumbling without grumbling.

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Rev. and Mrs. V. L. David of Cordoba, Argentina, are spending their furlough period in Texas. Their address is 1200 South Moore Avenue, Houston.

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Rev. and Mrs. Paul C. Porter, now located at Shorter College in Rome, Georgia, have recently returned to their native land after serving as Southern Baptists' missionaries in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

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From the Western Recorder we learn that the Parochial School Bus Law which was passed by the 1940 session of the Kentucky legislature to enable private and religious schools to require transportation of their pupils in Public Schools buses, has been declared unconstitutional by a unanimous opinion of the Kentucky Board of Appeals. Attorney Robert Hubbard, a member of the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, who fought this case through to the end, is to be congratulated, and the Court of Appeals has rendered an opinion that should go far to maintaining the separation of church and state.

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Mother (putting fussy child to bed): "You know that the little chickens go to bed early." Child: "Yes, but the old hen goes with them."